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OVERVIEW



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*Take refuge in the serenity of
Pura Ulun Danu, Bali*

With the sheer size of more than 18,000 islands, the world's largest archipelagic country is a tapestry of mostly unexplored natural and cultural beauties waiting to be discovered. Ideal tropical wonderland, from highland to island!

Did you know?

- Holding a mega diverse status, Indonesia is the country with the most mammals in the world and also the highest number in marine biodiversity.
- UNESCO has designated Indonesian Wayang Puppet Theatre, Kris, Batik and Angklung as Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.



*Thousand years of history on
Borobudur's reliefs*



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spa destination, Bali*

Language

Bahasa Indonesia, other local languages and dialects.

Money Matters

Indonesian Rupiah (Rp or IDR)

Weather

Tropical sunshine with high humidity and low winds. Average temperatures: 25°C - 27°C

Time Zone

GMT+7 (WIB), GMT+8 (WITA), GMT+9 (WIT)

Telephone Code

+62

Electric Socket

220-240V, 50Hz

Getting Around

From trishaws to trains on land to jetties and ferries on sea.

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JAVA



JAKARTA



Once a bustling port, Jakarta has evolved into an exciting hub of modern progress with its deeply rooted traditions weaved in between. There're some nature and adventure too if you're bitten by the explorer bug.

Did you know?

- Jakarta has a population of about 23 million people and is the largest city in Indonesia.
- Resident expatriates refer to it as 'The Big Durian'.

© Adam Lee (Travel 3Sixty)



Monas

View the city skyline atop a magnificent Italian marble monument gilded with a 35kg gold leaf!

🕒 Daily, 8am-3pm (except the last Mon of every month)

💰 Rp 3.500 per person

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎ +622170649354
+622170234627

Fun Fact! There is a small museum within the vicinity that showcases the rich history of the city.

Fans Suggest Check out Cosplay events held regularly here.

Taman Mini Indonesia Indah

Explore 26 amazing pavilions that represent most of the provinces in Indonesia, visit the 15 various museums or visit any of the fun 11 mini parks!

🕒 Daily, 8am-5pm

💰 Rp 9.000 - 3 years and above (each attraction has its own ticket fee)

🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city

☎ +62218409214
+62218409210
www.tamanmini.com

Fun Fact! There's a public swimming pool and 3D IMAX Theatre...fun for everyone!

Smart Tip Shoes are not allowed in the pavilions, so you may want to consider easy slip-ons to avoid the hassle of shoelaces and Velcro straps!

Ancol Dreamland

As theme parks go, it has everything from thrilling rides of over 30 varieties to captivating underwater creatures at Sea World. A fun day bundled into one huge amazing theme park!

🕒 All day

💰 Rp 15.000 per person
Rp 15.000 - Car
Rp 10.000 - Motorbike

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

☎ +622164712000
+62216403249/50
www.ancol.com

Fun Fact! They have shark feeding at the aquarium!

Fans Suggest Need some excitement in your holidays? Try swimming with the sharks at Sea World!

Jakarta Arts Theatre

Appreciation for live thespian art is best enjoyed here, where you can admire live acts by both local and international artists in a neo-renaissance structure.

🕒 Daily, depending on show (mostly at night)

💰 Depends on show

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎ +62213808283
+62213441892
www.gedungkesenianjakarta.co.id

Smart Tip Do a bit of homework earlier to check out what acts will be performing so you'll know when to catch the good ones!

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HOW TO GET TO JAKARTA

From	Frequency	Fare From
Kuala Lumpur	7x Daily	Rp 369.000
Kota Kinabalu	3x Weekly	Rp 419.000
Penang	1x Daily	Rp 399.000
Bangkok	1x Daily	Rp 569.000
Phuket	3x Weekly	Rp 469.000
Ho Chi Minh City	4x Weekly	Rp 439.000
Singapore	6x Daily	Rp 199.000
Bali	7x Daily	Rp 199.000
Yogyakarta	3x Daily	Rp 149.000
Semarang	2x Daily	Rp 140.000

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Escape the bustling city and head to
Thousand Islands © Aretha N

Thousand Islands

Also known as Kepulauan Seribu, you just have to head north out of the city and into the deep blue sea. Sunbathe on the beach if you're more into getting that perfectly bronzed skin.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city to Marina Ancol-Jakarta Bay, Ancol Bay City Then, speedboat to islands (1-2 hr journey)

Fans Suggest There are thousand things to do around Thousand Islands, from snorkelling at Ayer, diving at Sepa, golfing at Bira to dolphin therapy at Bidadari.

Setu Babakan

Immerse in Betawi culture as you're serenaded with whimsical folk songs, enchanting dances and heavenly cuisines all along the perimeter of a beautifully tranquil lake!

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- 📞 The DKI Jakarta Tourist Information Centre, Jalan KH Abdul Rachim 2
+62215209671
+62215272420

Smart Tip Come early to experience the cultural village at its fullest.

Jakarta Hidden Tours

See Jakarta in a different light with this unique tour while doing your part for charity.

- 🕒 Daily, depending on tour type
- 💰 Rp 1.000.000 per person - Private Personal Tour
Rp 500.000 per person per location - Group Tour
All tours - minimum 2, maximum 4 participants per group
- 🚗 Depending on meeting point for different tours
- 📞 +622130200868
jaktour@gmail.com
realjakarta.blogspot.com

Smart Tip Wear light clothing and bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated!

Jakarta's Nightlife

The gigantic metropolis sizzles after the sun goes down with a dizzying range of chic cafes and exciting clubs vying for the spotlight. Pick your stomping grounds and dance the night away!

- 🕒 All night
- 💰 Cover charges vary
- 🚗 Taxi - Depending on location

Fans Suggest Go club-hopping from Jalan Sudirman all the way to Hayam Wuruk for favourite hang-out places like Social House, Immigrant, Hard Rock Cafe, Illigals and Stadium.

RECOMMENDED STAYS

From Rp 300.000

- The Plaza Hotel Glodok ★★
- Hotel Borobudur ★★★★★
- Grand Sahid Jakarta ★★★★★
- Menara Peninsula, Jakarta ★★★★★
- Hotel Ciputra, Jakarta ★★★★★
- Hotel Santika ★★★★★
- Mercure Jakarta Kota ★★★★★
- Sheraton Bandara Hotel Jakarta ★★★★★
- Le Meridien Hotel ★★★★★
- Pullman Jakarta Indonesia ★★★★★



Exciting nightlife scene
© Adam Lee (Travel 3Sixty)



Museum Fatahillah at Kota Tua

Kota Tua

Travel back in time and relive the glory days of the former Dutch administration. Cameras are a must!

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free. Some buildings/ museums have a minimal entrance fee
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 The DKI Jakarta Tourist Information Centre, Jalan KH Abdul Rachim 2
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Fun Fact! It's dubbed as the Jewel of Asia and Queen of the East!

Fans Suggest It's a must-buy to get yourself a mini *ondel-ondel* (Jakarta's iconic ancestral figures) as souvenir.

Indonesia National Museum

Spend your time examining one of the world's largest collections of Southeast Asia ceramics and Hindu Javanese art, and we promise you it'll be worth every single astounding second!

- 🕒 Tue-Fri, 8am-4pm
Sat and Sun, 8am-5pm. Closed every Mon and Public Holidays
- 💰 Rp 5.000 - Adults
Rp 2.000 - Children (below 12 years)
Rp 10.000 - Non-Indonesian

- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 +62213868172
www.museumnasional.or.id

Presidential Palace

Feel presidential as you stroll majestically along the grand hall of the current quarters of the Indonesian President!

- 🕒 Sat and Sun, 3pm-5pm
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 +62213845001

Smart Tip Make prior reservations and wear formal attire.

Textile Museum

Everything you need to know about the local textile industry including batik and kain ulos are woven into the intricate fabrics of the wonderful exhibitions and displays for your viewing pleasure!

- 🕒 Tue-Sun, 9am-3pm. Closed Mon and Public Holidays

- 💰 Rp 2.000 per person
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 +62215606613

Fun Fact! Create your own batik masterpiece at the batik workshop for Rp 35.000! What a great souvenir!

Puppet Museum

Forget Pinocchio, this is where the famous Indonesian shadow puppets originate from! Go deeper into the makings of the traditional art and its fascinating beginnings.

- 🕒 Tue-Thur, 9am-3pm
Fri, 9am-2:30pm
Sat and Sun, 9am-4.30pm
Shadow Puppet Theatre-10am (every Sunday)



The beautiful Indonesia National Museum will take you through awesome Indonesia in a day!



Two magnificent structures - Istiqlal Mosque and Jakarta Cathedral seen from on top of the city!

💰 Rp 2.000 per person

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

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+62216927289
www.museumwayang.com

Fun Fact! Step into the garden near the entrance, and you'll see where the founder of the original city of Batavia - General Governor Jan Pieterszoon Coen - is enshrined.

Istiqlal Mosque

You'll agree that it's the biggest mosque in Southeast Asia once you step foot on its vast grounds and be astounded by its infinite space and grand interiors!

🕒 All day (except during prayer times)

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

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+62215272420

Fun Fact! American President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama toured here back in 2010.

Smart Tip Wear long pants (for men) and head scarves for ladies as it's the respectful and accepted attire.

Jakarta Cathedral

It's a behemoth of awe-inspiring architecture and beckoning spiritual calm.

🕒 All day-Cathedral
Mon, Wed and Fri, 10am-12pm
(Museum only)

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎ +622168523842
www.katedraljakarta.or.id

Fun Fact! Some fascinating relics from the Dutch colonial days are displayed in the museum at the balcony on the first floor.

Smart Tip Beware of the tone and volume of your voice when entering the cathedral and dress moderately as a mark of respect.

Kota Intan Drawbridge

A part of the Dutch colonisation history represented in the form of a rustic bridge, an important puzzle piece in the rich Dutch history of Jakarta!

🕒 All day

💰 Free

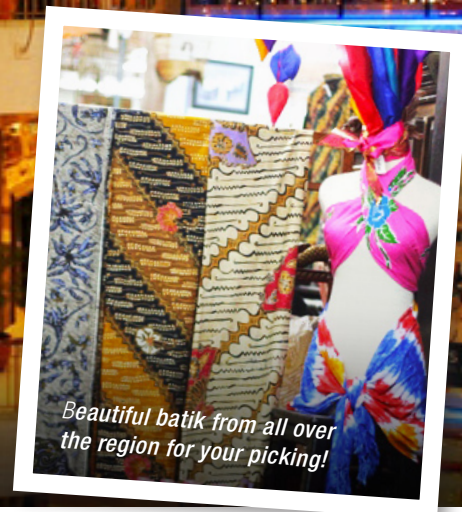
🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

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Fun Fact! It was made to coincide with the development of Batavia by Jan Pieterszoon Coen in 1628.



The glitzy malls of Jakarta © Bambang W



Beautiful batik from all over the region for your picking!

Grand Indonesia Shopping Town

You may just give in to the temptation to spend your entire shopping budget at one of the few malls selling designer brands!

🕒 Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm
Sat and Sun, 10am-11pm

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎ +622123587000
www.grand-indonesia.com

Mangga Dua

Wholesale haven where you can find anything under the sky, from house hold goods to the latest in fashion and accessories!

🕒 Daily, 8am-5pm

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎ +62216004840
www.pasarpagimanggadua.com

Smart Tip Bring a calculator as it can get quite overwhelming when your purchases add-up before you head to the cashier counter.

Tanah Abang Market

Be spoilt for choice at the gorgeous arrays of scarves and fabulous fabrics at exclusive bargain prices!

🕒 Daily, 8am-4pm

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

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Smart Tip Always start your bargain bid 60% lower than the offered price and come to a mutually agreed price.

Jalan Surabaya

It's the best place to hunt for antiques, local handicrafts, Javanese puppets and heaps more.

🕒 Daily, morning to evening

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎ The DKI Jakarta Tourist Information Centre, Jalan KH Abdul Rachim 2
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Pasar Baru Market

Surrounded by beautifully timeless Dutch and Chinese architecture, you can shop for fabric, handicraft, footwear, vintage clothes and much more here!

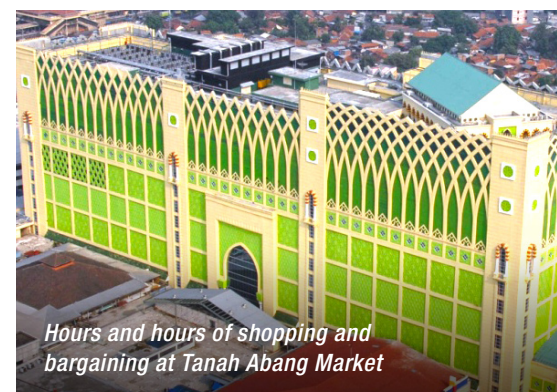
🕒 Daily, 9am-4pm

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

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Fun Fact! You can have excellent quality suits tailored with express services.

Smart Tip Always bring small change and be mindful of your purse.



Hours and hours of shopping and bargaining at Tanah Abang Market



Delicious Indonesian food © Adam Lee (Travel 3Sixty)

Soto Betawi

This local favourite will have you slurping the coconut milk broth and chewing away happily at the beef tendons, intestines and tripe. Yum yum!

Kerak Telor

It is omelette, Jakarta style! The eggs are cooked with glutinous rice and served with shredded coconut and dried shrimp topping. Heavenly!

Gado-Gado

Salad has never tasted this good. A mix of fried tofu and scalded local vegetables are polished off together with a sweet and spicy peanut sauce.

Es Selendang Mayang

So rich, creamy and decadent - it's like dessert in a very tall glass! Layers of goodness from suji leaf, sago, rice flour, palm sugar syrup, thick coconut milk and more sinful sweets adds to its delicious flavour.

Cilok

It's the perfect snack for a day of sightseeing. Simple ingredients of tapioca flour and dried shrimp batter, deep fried till crispy and served to go! Dip it in peanut sauce or sambal (fried chilli paste) and you'll never stop eating it!



Enjoy a pot of hot tea with your afternoon snack
© suppisoup



Gado-gado © Adam Lee (Travel 3Sixty)

3 DAYS OF EXCITING JAKARTA!

Ancol Dreamland is truly a fun place to be with friends or family © Augusto Sunga



DAY 1 Morning

Fill your belly with a spoonful of...

Start your Jakarta day with a heart warming local breakfast!

- Kerak Telor at *warung's* (stalls)

Once upon a time...

Explore the once-thriving Dutch town of Kota Tua for a dose of history and culture.

- Museum Fatahillah
- Maritime Museum
- Fine Arts Museum
- Kota Intan Drawbridge
- Jakarta History Museum
- Café Batavia
- Puppet Museum
- Bank Mandiri Museum
- Port Tower

Evening

Get acquainted with the best of Java!

Sample the best of Javanese cuisine!

- Rawon Klewung at Mbah Jingkrak



DAY 2 Morning

Shop till you drop!

From the internationally branded to the locally made, it's time for some retail therapy!

- Grand Indonesia
- Mal Kelapa Gading
- Mall Of Indonesia
- Mangga Dua
- Block M
- Pokok Indah Mall
- Tanah Abang Market
- Pasar Baru Market
- Glodok Plaza

Afternoon

Satisfy your sweet tooth

Recharge with a sugary delight and continue on your shopping adventures!

- Es Selendang Mayang at Mall Food Courts

Evening

Dinner and a play - a night of splendour!

Chow on delicious fare and catch a show at the theatre.

- Dapur Sunda
- Jakarta Arts Theatre



DAY 3 Morning

Time for some fun, fun, FUN!

Take your pick of one of these amusing places for some family frolicking for the day.

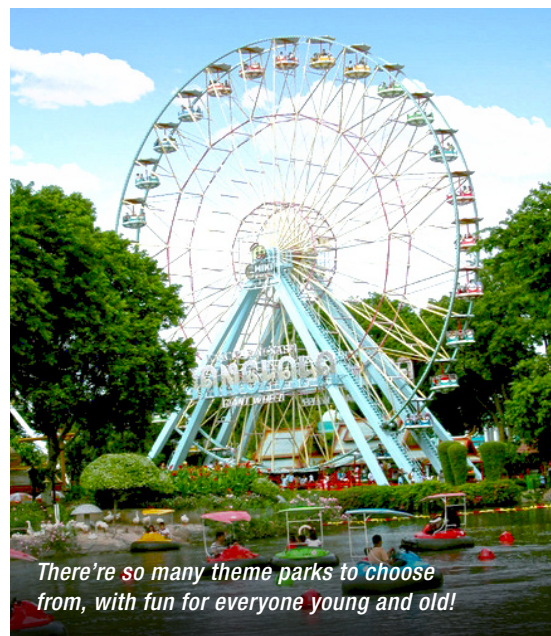
- Taman Mini Indonesia Indah
- Ancol Dreamland
- Kidzania

Evening

The taste of the city

Get little bites of every scrumptious local food without denting your wallet!

- Plaza Semanggi Food Court



There're so many theme parks to choose from, with fun for everyone young and old!

SURABAYA



Dubbed 'The City of Heroes' for its struggle during Indonesia's revolution, Surabaya is a tantalizing blend of sprawling city life and muted historical charms.

Did you know?

- The name Surabaya means 'shark and crocodile', which refers to a local legend about the city.
- It is the second largest city in Indonesia.

Breathtaking view of Mount Bromo

Bromo-Tengger-Semeru National Park

The combination of white sulphurous smoke and massive caldera makes Mount Bromo a sight to behold.

🕒 Daily, 3.30am-6pm

💰 Rp 50.000

🚌 Take *Patas* bus to Probolinggo, then to Cemoro Lawang - 4 hrs from city

☎ +62341491828

Fans Suggest See colourful offerings of fruits, rice, vegetables and flowers at Pura Luhur Poten Bromo if you're visiting during the Hindu festival Yadnya Kasada.

Ciputra Waterpark

A place of fun for the whole family! The water park, the largest in Indonesia, is built upon 5 hectares of land.

🕒 Tue-Fri, 1am-7pm
Sat-Sun, 10am-7pm

💰 Tue-Fri, Rp 55.000
Sat-Sun, Rp 70.000

🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city centre

☎ +62317441155
ciputrawaterparksurabaya.com

Submarine Monument

KRI Pasopati 410 submarine served the Indonesian Navy from 1952 to 1990 and is now preserved as a walk-in monument.

🕒 Daily, 8am-10pm

💰 Rp 2.500

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

☎ +62315490410
www.monkasel.com

Fun Fact! Check out the torpedo launcher - it's the real thing!

Pasar Ampel

A large market selling all sorts of merchandise, some catered to the Arab community such as carpets and perfumes, surrounded by a number of historical landmarks like the historical Ampel Mosque.

🕒 Daily, 7am-4.30pm

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

☎ Surabaya Tourism Board
www.surabayatourism.com



The battle of Suro (the shark) and Boyo (crocodile), the origins of Surabaya!

Fun Fact! Walk around the market and treat yourself with delectable Middle-Eastern cuisine.

Fans Suggest Need to change your foreign currencies? Don't worry as there are many bureaux de change here at the market.

RECOMMENDED STAYS From Rp 300.000

Hotel Andita



Fave Hotel Mex Building, Surabaya



Hotel Majapahit Surabaya



Surabaya Plaza Hotel



Java Paragon Hotel and Residences



Meritus Surabaya City Centre



Sheraton Surabaya Hotel and Towers



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Catch the energetic Reog Ponorogo show at Balai Pemuda!

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HOW TO GET TO SURABAYA

From	Frequency	Fare From
Kuala Lumpur	5x Daily	Rp 419.000
Medan	Daily	Rp 329.000
Bangkok	4x Weekly	Rp 409.000
Bandung	Daily	Rp 195.000
Bali	Daily	Rp 159.000
Penang	3x Weekly	Rp 319.000

Balai Pemuda

There are many activities offered here, from band gigs to handcraft expos. The building Balai Pemuda (Youth Hall) itself is a protected cultural heritage of the city.

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-10pm
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city centre
- ☎️ +62318290490

Smart Tip Watch the Reog show every Sunday at 11am.

House of Sampoerna

This old colonial building mainly functions as a showcase of the famous tobacco brand in Indonesia, but you can catch other interesting displays in the museum such as antique carriage and old kebaya.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-10pm
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎️ +62313539000
houseofsampoerna.museum

Smart Tip Watch as the ladies hand-roll the cigarettes. They work at such incredible speed!

Gereja Katolik Kelahiran Santa Perawan Maria

The church was built in 1899 to replace the old church (built in 1822), making it the oldest church in Surabaya. Don't forget your camera as the designs are simply stunning!

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city centre
- ☎️ Surabaya Tourism Board
surabayatourism.com

Smart Tip As it is located near a high school, avoid busy school hours.

Masjid Cheng Ho

A mosque with intricate Chinese designs named after the Chinese Muslim Admiral Cheng Ho.

- 🕒 All day (except during prayer times)
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎️ Surabaya Tourism Board
surabayatourism.com

Smart Tip Dress modestly - men must wear long pants while ladies have to come in head scarves, with their body covered.

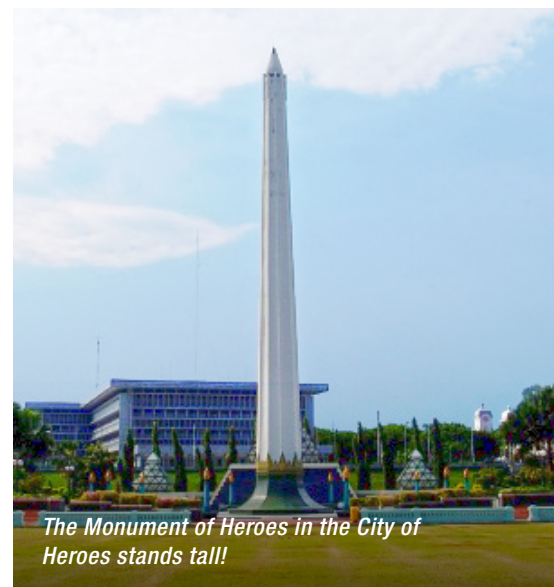
Tugu Pahlawan

This 'Monument of Heroes' was built to honour the heroic act of the people of Surabaya in the nation's struggle against colonialism. There is also an adjacent museum dedicated to World War II.

- 🕒 Tue-Fri, 8am-2.30pm
Sat-Sun, 8am-1.30pm
- 💰 Rp 2.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city centre
- ☎️ Tugu Pahlawan
+62313571100



Take a look at the cigarette industry's past at the House of Sampoerna!



The Monument of Heroes in the City of Heroes stands tall!



The elegant facade of the historical Hotel Majapahit © Tourism Indonesian

Hotel Majapahit

A colonial-styled hotel with an elegant facade and furnished with beautiful gardens, built by the Sarkie brothers who also designed the Raffles Hotel in Singapore.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins journey
- ☎️ +62315454333
www.hotel-majapahit.com

Smart Tip You can leave your camera behind as no picture-taking is allowed inside.

Wisata Anyar Mangrove

Visitors can have the chance to enjoy a well-protected mangrove ecosystem where colourful birds and playful monkeys reside.

- 🕒 6am-5pm
- 💰 Rp 10.000 - Adults
Rp 8.000 - Child
- 🚗 Taxi to MERR-C bridge - 10 mins journey then by boat to Bozem Wonorejo - 20 mins journey
- ☎️ Wisata Anyar Mangrove
+623171569100



Pasar Atum is a market of traditional allure within a modern facility!



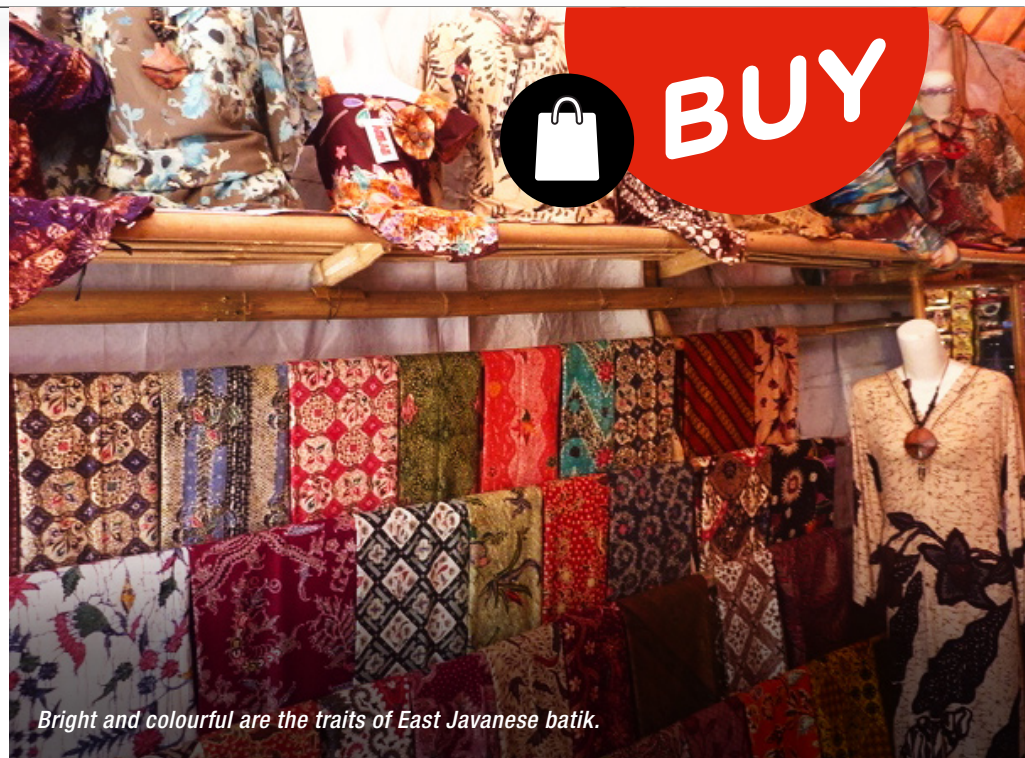
More snacks than you can munch on!

Pasar Atum

The vendors in this large indoor market sell many varieties of clothing, accessories and just about everything else. The many food stalls are also a main attraction for visitors!

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-3pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city centre
- ☎️ Pasar Atum
+62313551995

Smart Tip For a more modern version of Pasar Atum, head to the nearby Pasar Atum Mall.



Bright and colourful are the traits of East Javanese batik.

Tanggulangun

Wallets, bags, shoes and embroideries made-to-order for an affordable price is the unique pull of this amazing marketplace.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-8pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 45 mins from city
- ☎️ Pasar Wisata Tanggulangin
+623181233888

Pasar Genteng

Looking for something to bring home for your loved ones? Hundreds of types of snacks, mostly made from seafood, are available for your picking.

- 🕒 Daily, early morning-5pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city centre
- ☎️ Surabaya Tourism Board
www.surabayatourism.com

Smart Tip Smoked milkfish is a big favourite among the locals.



Bags galore in Tanggulangin!

Hi-Tech Mall

As the name suggests, this mall is a one-stop shopping establishment for your IT needs, from gadgets to accessories and much more!

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-6pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city centre
- ☎️ +62315316557

Smart Tip Sell or buy second-hand laptops on level one.

Sentra Sepatu Wedoro

Drop by the village for reasonably-priced shoes, slippers, sandals and other footwear.

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-9pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 40 mins from city centre
- ☎️ Surabaya Tourism Board
www.surabayatourism.com



Rawon is the epitome of Surabaya: bold and spicy



Delicious and satisfying Lontong Balap



Fruits and vegetable salad with a twist - Rujak Cingur!

Rawon

This black-coloured beef soup has a strong taste, thanks to the addition of kluwek (*Pangium edule*). The most famous variant is 'Rawon Setan' (Demon's Rawon) which is explosive in every sense!

Lontong Balap

A very delicious dish of pressed rice cake, fried tofu, cassava fritter, fried shallot, bean sprouts and completed with a stick of shell satay.

Rujak Cingur

A curious type of salad consisting of fruits, vegetables and the front part of a cow's mouth! Curiously strange yet absolutely yummy!

Sate Klopo

Slices of beef smeared with a special sauce made from coconut, perfectly skewered and grilled to savoury perfection. Mmm..mmm...good!

Wedang Angsle

This rich and fragrant concoction is deliciously warm and welcoming, ideal for those cold and rainy nights.

BANDUNG

Back in its heydays, Bandung earned the moniker 'Parijs van Java' (Paris of Java). Even today, it continues to be a city of fashion, culinary, music and arts!

Did you know?

- It has the largest collection of 1920's art deco building in the world.
- West Java produces the world's best tea, coffee and other crops.

Situ Patengan is a peaceful lake with a romantic story beneath its tranquil surface



Observatorium Bosscha

Established in 1923, Bosscha Schmidt's telescope is the only survey telescope in Southeast Asia.

- 🕒 Tue-Sat, 9am-8pm (by appointment only)
- 💰 Rp 7.500 (Day), Rp 10.000 (Night)
- 🚗 Taxi - 45 mins from city
- ☎ +62222786001
bosscha.itb.ac.id

Smart Tip Plan your visit months ahead and remember to book your place.

Saung Angklung Udjo

Learn to play the Angklung or enjoy a performance which includes Sundanese dances and the wayang golek wooden puppet show.

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-10pm
- 💰 Rp 80.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city
- ☎ +62227271714
www.angklung-udjo.co.id

Smart Tip Be sure to catch the daily cultural show at 3.30pm.

Taman Wisata Alam Cimanggu

The tropical rainforest here attracts lots of visitors as it is home to a huge variety of flora and fauna.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-4pm
- 💰 Rp 5.500
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- ☎ West Java Eco-Tourism
westjavaecotourism.com

Situ Patengan

Situ means 'lake' and *Patengan* means 'looking for each other' in Sundanese. It's a lake with a scenic view, being surrounded by serene tea plantations which West Java is well known for.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Rp 5.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- ☎ West Java Eco-Tourism
www.westjavaecotourism.com

Fans Suggest According to local beliefs, lovers should go around the lake and visit Batu Cinta to seal their eternal love for each other.

Wisata Agro Gunung Mas

Refresh yourself in the cool temperature of the tea-carpeted hills and purchase some quality leaves to take home.

- 🕒 Daily, 6am-12pm
- 💰 Rp 4.500
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- ☎ +622518252501

Smart Tip With prior arrangement, you can even go horse-back riding and paragliding here.



BOOK NOW

HOW TO GET TO BANDUNG

From	Frequency	Fare From
Bali	Daily	Rp 279.000
Kuala Lumpur	Daily	Rp 339.000
Medan	Daily	Rp 359.000
Singapore	Daily	Rp 359.000
Surabaya	Daily	Rp 195.000

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Surrounded by fertile highlands, Bandung has a cooler climate compared to other Indonesian cities

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Golden Flower



Hotel Padma



Marbella Suite Bandung



Gedung Sate

Built in 1920, Bandung's ultimate landmark got its name from the ornaments atop its main tower which look a lot like satay.

- All day
- No entry
- Taxi - 10 mins from city
- +62224204483

Smart Tip The building now serves as the office of West Java's governor. No entry unless with special arrangement.

Asian-African Conference Museum

'Sociëteit Concordia', the former meeting place of the colonial Dutch was the venue for Asian-Africa Conference in 1955.

- Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm
- Free
- Taxi - 5 mins journey
- +62224233564

Smart Tip With so many neighbouring art-deco buildings, this is an ideal place to start your city tour.

Kawah Putih

The White Crater's lake reflects different colours of white and green depending on the weather.

- Daily, 7am-5pm
- Rp 30.000 (Weekdays)
Rp 40.000 (Weekend)
- Taxi - 3 hrs from city
- West Java Eco-Tourism
westjavaecotourism.com

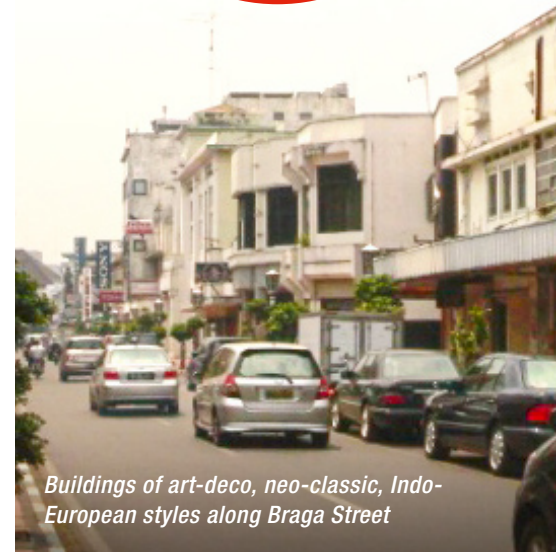
Smart Tip Many stalls are selling strawberries locally-grown in the region. Enjoy them fresh or opt for an on-the-spot fondue.

Taman Kupu-kupu Cihanjuang

More than 300 species of colourful butterflies roam freely in this green sanctuary.

- 9.30am-5pm (Weekdays)
8am-6pm (Weekends)
- Rp 20.000
- Taxi - 30 mins journey
- +62226082222
+6285624412195

Smart Tip Don't forget to keep your tickets so you can trade them for free souvenirs.



Buildings of art-deco, neo-classic, Indo-European styles along Braga Street

Gedung Sate, a graceful structure of both colonial and vernacular architectural styles





*Up close and personal with butterflies?
You can do it in Taman Kupu-kupu
Cihanjuang!*



*The museum marks the time when
Bandung made its place in world's history*

Mount Tangkuban Parahu

The only volcano in Indonesia where you can drive to its crater's rim.

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-6pm
- 💰 Rp 50.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 90 mins from city
- ☎️ +622291150480
www.westjavatourism.info

Fans Suggest Bury your feet under warm mud while cooking eggs in the hot springs! Yes, really!

Jalan Braga

Stroll along the street to see striking structures that once were chic cafes and boutiques which catered to Dutch patrons.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins journey

Smart Tip Come early in the morning to catch freshly-baked patisserie from the oldest bakery in town.

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- [Expect Something Interesting from Bandung? Well You Should!](#)
- [9 Places You Should Visit in Bandung](#)

Paris Van Java

This mall is flooded by visitors due to its unique open-roof shopping concept and a variety of exciting tenants.

- 🕒 9am-10pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- ☎️ Paris Van Java
+62222060800
paris-van-java.com

Fans Suggest Lace up your skates and hit the ice rink on the top floor of the mall.

Factory Outlets

These shops offer factory rejects, overruns and second-hands for even branded items at bargain prices! Most of these FOs can be found in Jalan Juanda (Dago) and Jalan Martadinata (Riau).

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-10pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

Smart Tip Many articles are just plain fakes and mislabelled on purpose. Be very careful!



Paris Van Java's open-roof shopping centre is perfect for an outdoor stroll!

Distribution Outlets

Another unique Bandung phenomenon, 'Distros' are shops which sell fashion items made by local indie designers.

- 🕒 9am-5pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

Smart Tip Nowadays the distros can be as commercialized (and costly) as any department stores, so don't be surprised with the prices. Pick your store wisely.

Jalan Cihampelas

The street is lined with denim stores where you can buy jeans in any type, size and variances with vibrantly decorated shop fronts in an attempt to lure customers.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-10pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins journey

Smart Tip Found a pair of jeans you like but it's the wrong size? Don't worry, you can get jeans alteration services along the street.



Put your bargaining skills to the test at traditional markets!

Pasar Baru

Directly translated 'New Market', this is a favourite haunt for a plethora of clothes, textiles, bags and shoes that go cheaper when purchased in bulk!

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-5pm
- 💰 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 🚗 Pasar Baru Trade Center
+62224245555

Fans Suggest Get your energy supply from a bag of *tempeh* chips and *peuyeum* (fermented cassava), then shop some more!

Batagor

A street snack of bean curd stuffed with narrow-barred Spanish mackerel filling, battered up and deep fried to golden brown perfection, served with peanut sauce.

Sangu Timbel

Steamed rice wrapped in banana leaf, fried chicken or carp, fried bean curd and *tempeh*...and of course, freshly ground ultra-hot sambal to complete this all-time-favourite Sundanese meal!

Soto Bandung

Different with most *soto* variants in the country, Soto Bandung has clear broth and slices of daikon radish.

Laksa Bogor

The Sundanese's take on this popular spicy noodle soup contains oncom (soy bean fermented with *Neurospora*) which gives a unique taste to it.

Pais Lauk Emas

The secret to the richness of this particular *pepes* dish lies in its cooking method. Wrapping the carp fish in banana leaf before it is grilled over charcoal allows the spices to really penetrate the meat.

Lotek

This Sundanese-style is a healthy portion of fried *tempeh* and tofu, young jackfruit, fried shallots and peanut sauce.

Bandrek

What is Bandrek made of? Palm sugar, spices and everything nice in a warm glass of drink to chase the chill away!



Yummy and healthy lotek © Phebe Wibisana



With scrumptious food in every corner, no wonder Bandung is considered a foodie haven © Adam Lee (Travel 3Sixty)

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West Java is blessed with remarkable natural wonders



Morning

Nature nurture

Appreciating the natural wonders surrounding the city.

- Kawah Putih
- Ciwalini - Cimanggu Hot Springs
- Rancabali Tea Plantation
- Situ Patengan
- Taman Hutan Raya Ir. H. Djuanda

Evening

Foodies goodies

Find out why Bandung is dubbed as a paradise for foodies.

- Kupat Tahu - Jalan Cihapit
- Cakwe Mini - Jalan Jawa
- Es Goyobod - Jalan Kliningan
- Cuankie - Jalan Serayu
- Mie Kocok - Jalan Karapitan
- Es Cingcau - Jalan Macan
- Ronde Jahe - Jalan Alkateri
- Bubur Ayam - Jalan Aceh



Eggs boiled in volcanic hot spring, anyone?



Morning

Play 'n Learn

Fun and educational time for the entire family!

- Puspa Iptek Sundial
- Bandung Zoo
- De' Ranch
- Saung Angklung Udjo
- Bale Seni Barli
- Kampung Gajah
- Geology Museum
- Trans Studio Bandung
- Rumah Sosis
- Cihanjuang Butterfly Park

Evening

Mall Rat

You may avoid malls on a holiday, but the ones in Bandung are just too good to be missed.

- Paris Van Java
- Cihampelas Walk
- Bandung Supermall



Morning

Shop 'til you drop, and do it all over again!

Incredible deals on clothes, home appliances, decorations and so much more.

- Pasar Baru
- Distros - Jalan Trunojoyo
- King's Shopping Center
- Factory Outlets - Jalan Riau

Evening

Night and the city

Clubs of fervour or simple cup of java - Bandung has something for everyone.

- Rumah Kopi
- Fame Station
- Amnesia



Sundanese wayang golek is different from Javanese wayang kulit as it is in 3D
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YOGYAKARTA

Known as the cultural centre of Javanese art, Jogja is certainly a traveller's paradise for the perfect getaway with so much to see, learn and indulge!

Did you know?

- It has two UNESCO World Heritage Sites which are Borobudur Temple and Prambanan Temple.
- Jogja is known as the hub of prestigious universities.

The beautiful evening view at Borobudur Temple © Phang Kim Shan

Borobudur Temple

One of the greatest monuments in the world, timeless beauty beckon as you explore the massive temple.

🕒 Daily, 6am-5pm

💰 USD 15 - Non-Indonesian
USD 8 - Foreign Students
Rp 30.000 - Indonesian
Rp 75.000 - Guide (optional)

🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city

📞 PT Taman Wisata Candi Borobudur
Prambanan Ratu Boko
+62274496402
borobudurpark.co.id

Fans Suggest Celebrating Vesak at Borobudur is a unique experience! Release a sky lantern up to the sky!

Prambanan Temple Complex

A lesser known ancient Hindu temple ruin yet equally amazing in its sharp, jagged archaeological structure.

🕒 Daily, 6am-6pm

💰 USD 15 - Non-Indonesian
USD 7 - Foreign Students
Rp 15.000 - Indonesian

🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city

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Fans Suggest Catch the dramatic Ramayana Ballet show on stage every night.

Mount Merapi

Adventure seekers will be thrilled when bubbling molten lava start spewing onto the ash-laden terrains.

🕒 All day

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city

📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
Jalan Malioboro
+62274587486
www.visitingjogja.com

Smart Tip Bring a walking stick to help you climb the challenging but worthwhile terrain.

Cemeti Art House

Inspiring art is displayed and discussed with both Indonesian and foreign artists.

🕒 Tue-Sat, 9am-5pm
Closed Sun and Mon

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

📞 +62274371015
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Inna Garuda Hotel

★★★★

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From	Frequency	Fare From
Kuala Lumpur	Daily	Rp 390.000
Singapore	Daily	Rp 339.000
Jakarta	3x Daily	Rp 149.000

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Sunset at Parangtritis Beach © Lee Kuan Heng

Parangtritis Beach

Where can you find a beach where there are temple ruins hidden amongst an enchanting sloping beach?

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- 📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
Jalan Malioboro
+62274587486
visitingjogja.com

Fun Fact! There are all-terrain vehicles for hire.

Fans Suggest Enjoy the beautiful sunset while taking a slow ride on a horse carriage.



The Prambanan Temple complex is a sight to behold



One of the many performances at Cemeti Art House © Tourism Indonesian

Benteng Vredeburg

Check out the beautiful ancient architecture and dioramas depicting the history of the independence movement.

- 🕒 Tue-Thur, 8.30am-4pm
Fri, 8.30am-11am
Sat and Sun, 8.30am-12pm
Closed Mon
- 💰 Rp 750 - Adult, Rp 250 - Child
- 🚗 Walk - 5 mins from city
- 📞 +62274586934

Kraton

Take in the pomp and grandeur of the palace or enjoy the frequent palace dance performances.

- 🕒 Sat-Thur, 8.30am-1pm
Fri-8.30am-11am
- 💰 Rp 12.500 - Non-Indonesian
Rp 15.000 - Indonesian
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
Jalan Malioboro
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Ratu Boko Compound

Ratu Boko Compound is believed to be a former palace with mystifying pavilions, pools and shrines.

- 🕒 Daily, 6am-6pm
- 💰 USD 10 - Non-Indonesian
Rp 25.000 - Indonesian
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 minutes from city
- 📞 +62274496402
borobudurpark.co.id

Smart Tip Located in the upper land, it is a great place to catch sunset.

Smart Tip Watch a wayang kulit show at the nearby Sasono Hinggil every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.



The gate to Ratu Boko Palace Compound



Have a feel of the royal life at the Kraton



Taman Sari © Panji

Imogiri Royal Cemetery

Pay a visit to the hauntingly solemn royal graveyard, the final resting place for Yogyakarta's monarchs.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city
- 📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
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visitingjogja.com

Fans Suggest Experience a day of a farmer's life in an agricultural tourism village nearby.

Taman Sari

Bathing pools in the formal royal garden built for the first Sultan where he used to pick his companion for the day.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-3pm
- 💰 Rp 7.000 per person
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
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Kota Gede

Everything and anything related to silverware is found in abundance at Kota Gede, the centre of Javanese silver handicraft.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
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Smart Tip Bargaining is always the key to a great buy, so haggle on!

Saptohoedojo Art Gallery

A fascinating home to an eclectic mix of batik, totem poles, stuffed animals and many more. Its previous clientele included Dalai Lama and Pope John Paul II!

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-1pm; 6pm-9pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city
- 📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
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Fun Fact! There is a quaint café for you to unwind after a long day of shopping.



Handmade local crafts are available for you to bring home

Pasar Beringharjo

Intense flavours of food on the outside and a hive of batik activity on the inside, this traditional marketplace has been a popular trading centre since 1758!

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-6pm
- 🚗 Becak - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
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Batik, batik and more batik
© Jayne Kam



Jalan Malioboro is packed with lots of shopping goodies! © Jayne Kam

Jalan Malioboro

It's bustling with shoppers eager to get the best batik including Mirota Batik and trinkets along the five-foot way.

- 🕒 Morning to night
- 🚶 On foot (along the city centre walkway)
- 📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
Jalan Malioboro
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Malioboro Mall

The most popular shopping haven for local and international brands with indoor air conditioning for your retail and browsing comfort!

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-8pm
- 🚶 Walk - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Yogyakarta Tourism Board
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The mouth watering street food © Jayne Kam

Gudeg

It may look like a brown goopy slop but this jackfruit curry cooked with palm sugar and coconut milk bursts with flavour! It's normally paired with white rice and other condiments.

Es Rujak

Try this unique but absolutely yummy fruit salad made from fruits, cucumber, palm sugar, lime juice, salt, chillies and ice-cream. You'll be reeling with glee with the bold flavours!

Geplak

Yogyakarta people are known for their sweet tooth as evident in their obsession with *geplak*, a colourful snack made from grated coconut and sugar.

Nasi Kucing

It's small in packaging (cone-shaped) but gargantuan in flavour! Wrapped with banana leaf, its white rice and sambal (fried chilli paste) combo is simple, yet makes you crave for more every time.

Bakpia

The famous local stuffed biscuit - it's so scrumptious that it's bought by the boxes! Freshly made daily, it mainly consists of green bean filling with other delish flavours such as chocolate and even cheese.



The taste bud pleasing Gudeg (right) and condiments © Jayne Kam



Chinese influence can be found in Yogyakarta's cuisine

3 DAYS OF ARTISTIC YOGYAKARTA!



Borobudur in its magnificence



Morning

Fuel up for the day!

A lip-smacking local breakfast is just the thing.

- Mie Goreng Jawa at warungs (stalls)

A kingdom and two world wonders

Be taken back in time by exploring the ruins of a once glorious empire.

- Borobudur Temple
- Prambanan Temple Complex

Afternoon

Batik, trinkets and then some!

Freshen up and hit the streets for your batik, trinkets and snacks shopping fix!

- Jalan Malioboro

Evening

Food and fun!

It's gudeg for dinner, then some fun myth-based games at the common square.

- Gudeg Bu Lies
- Masangin at Alun-Alun Selatan



Morning

Command and conquer of the Fiery Sierra!

Gear up and set to conquer the terrains of an active volcano!

- Mount Merapi

Afternoon

A history lesson in the garden

Get a dose of local history and relax at the sunken garden at foot of the volcano.

- Ullen Sentulu

Evening

Warung-hopping

Try every local fare, street food style!

- Warung's at Jalan Malioboro



Morning

The kit and caboodle of the past

Check out the wealth of Jogja's culture and history littered everywhere in the city!

- Benteng Vredeburg
- Sultan's Palace
- Taman Sari
- Jogja's Monument
- Museum Affandi
- Museum Sonobudoyo
- Imogiri
- Great Mosque of Kauman
- Cemeti Art House

Evening

Sunset by the beach

Pack some food and head to the shorelines of Jogja for a romantic sunset picnic.

- Parangtritis Beach



Ride in an Andong if your tired feet need a break



SPECIAL FEATURE MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Lake Toba © Barry Kusuma

Tales, folklores, myths and legends - the rich fables that layer the foundation of the mystical aura that is Indonesia makes the archipelagic nation even more unique. By Haze Jalalludin

Indonesia is a land of mystic legends and harrowing myths with stories gathered from all corners of the majestic land, carried through generations after generations, untouched by time. Behind every intricately woven tale lies the simple moral teaching or a hint of greater co-existing powers that is one with the earth we live in.

Malin Kundang (Padang)

With many versions of the infamous tale in Indonesia, Brunei and much more, this famous Southeast Asian story speaks strongly to the Asian culture of duty and respect to one's mother.

Malin Kundang is a small village boy with big dreams who left his widowed mother to seek wealth on passing ships at a young age.

Years past and one day, the harbour market was abuzz as a wealthy young merchant and his newlywed princess paid a visit to the sleepy village. Standing in the crowd to catch a glimpse, Malin Kundang's mother could not believe her eyes as she recognized the wealthy merchant as her long lost son. Unable to control her overwhelming emotions, she rushed forward to embrace him and called out to her son, only to be apprehended by the bodyguards under the instructions of Malin Kundang.

Enraged by the demeaning accusation, Malin Kundang proclaimed that his mother is no beggar and has passed away many years ago. Shocked by her son's cruel betrayal, heartbroken she cried out "Oh Malin Kundang, you of heart of stone deny your own flesh and blood! Dear god, if he is not

my son let him sail safe and if he is, then may he rightly punished for his sin!"

A fierce storm fell upon the harbour causing his ship to upturn. Realising his sin, Malin Kundang crawled upon the beach begging for forgiveness as he slowly turned into stone.

Whenever you're in Padang, head on over to Pantai Air Manis, and you'll spot the worn stone figure of a man bowing for forgiveness, standing forlorn amidst the ship debris as a constant reminder to love and respect your mother.

Tangkuban Parahu (Bandung)

Known as the "upturned boat", the mysterious tale behind the unusual mountain has been passed for many generations.

Beautiful Dayang Sumbi and her loyal dog Tumang lived in solitary, and the lonesome days have taken a toll on the beautiful maiden that when her tool fell in the woods, she playfully uttered "If any male returns my tool, I will marry him". To her surprise, her loyal companion Tumang returned her tool.

Months later, a son Sangkuriang was born, who grew into a brave young man. One day, after failing to hunt deer for his mother, he presented her with Tumang's heart. Furious that Sangkuriang had sacrificed his own father, she hit him on the head with a ladle, leaving a scar and banished him from her sights.

Years passed, Sangkuriang returned to his hometown to marry a beautiful young woman. Fate played its hand as the future bride notice a scar on Sangkuriang's head, to her

horrific realisation that eternal beauty Dayang Sumbi was about to marry her own son.

To buy some time, Dayang Sumbi told Sangkuriang that she will only marry him if he builds a lake and boat for their honeymoon in one night. With the help of the spirits, Sangkuriang toiled all night and they were about to finish the impossible task. In her desperation, Dayang Sumbi made the sound of a cock's crow before sunrise, causing the spirits to leave quickly with the presumption that they had failed in their task. An enraged Sangkuriang kicked the boat and upturned it, giving the mountain its unique name and appearance.



Suro & Boyo (Surabaya)

There are two versions of how Surabaya came about its unique name.

One is a ferocious tale of the display of strength between mythical creatures Suro (white giant shark) and Boyo (white giant crocodile). Always in a constant battle, their final confrontation was so ferocious that the water around them turned the banks of Surabaya red with blood.

The other version is a legend between water and soil. The local Javanese defended their soil against the English and Dutch invaders which are deemed as water, with the local chant "sura ing baya" - the courage to confront danger.

In either version of the tale, there is a play of power and battle that has created this mighty city. Both tales still strongly define the sturdy strength and history of Indonesia's second largest city.

Aji Bedarah Putih (Balikpapan)

The origins of Danau Lipan (Centipede Lake) speak of the bravery and wisdom of Princess Aji Bedarah Putih, who is known for her fair beauty that attracted many suitors from lands far and wide. The King of China was among the many hopeful suitors, and as a lavish spread was prepared for the king, the princess rejected the king's ravenous ways and his

In his rage, he turned his vast army upon her kingdom. In the midst of the losing battle, the princess chewed a betel leaf and said "If I am the true heir of the Mystical King, turn the pieces of this leaf into centipedes that will destroy this invading army." As she turned her head towards the army, thousands of centipedes appeared and drove the invaders into their ships, which in turn were attacked and sunk.

With the battle won, the princess vanished magically, leaving just a vast piece of land christened Danau Lipan.

Danau Toba (Medan)

Beneath the tranquil surface of the beautiful lake, lies a story of magic, betrayal and a mother's love.

Hardworking farmer Toba lived in a little hut near the forest. One day, he caught an odd-looking fish who begged him to not eat it, but to place it in the middle of the farm for 3 days. Upon return, Toba found a beautiful maiden named Nauli, who was the water princess and the fish that he caught. As she turned human, her scales turned into a pile of gold for Toba. Mesmerised by her beauty, he asked her to marry him. "I will marry you with the condition that you will promise to never tell anyone of my origins", said Nauli, which he immediately vowed to never mention to anyone.

Years passed and the couple had a child named Samosir, who grew up to be quite a handful as he was lazy and unhelpful around the farm. One day, Samosir was delivering the lunch Nauli has prepared for Toba when he felt hunger pangs, and ate the lunch intended for his father. Furious at the boy, Toba yelled "This is all because you are the son of a fish!" Crying home to his mother, she told Samosir to head towards the highlands.

As Toba returned, Nauli reminded him of his vow of secrecy, leaving him with the words "Because you have broken your promise, I will leave this place and return to the life of a fish!" Water started flooding the house as Nauli turned into a fish and swam away.

It is now said that the Lake Toba was formed after the raging flood created by Nauli, and she still swims around the lake protecting the island Samosir.

Every region tells its own tales - some myths, some legends, and some fragments of the truth. The beautiful nation of Indonesia holds many mesmerising tales that has enchanted and enthralled eager listeners throughout the years.



SOLO



A quieter version of its “twin sister” Yogyakarta, Solo embodies the refined and sophisticated ideals of the Javanese culture.

Did you know?

- Once a united kingdom, Solo and Yogyakarta were divided after the Giyanti Agreement on 1755.
- There is an annual parade called “Solo Batik Carnival” which is held every June.

A chance to tour around the city with an old locomotive brought all the way from Ambarawa



Batik-making is filled with Javanese symbolisms © Tourism Indonesia

Tawangmangu

Situated on the slopes of Mount Lawu, Tawangmangu has a refreshing cool climate all year long.

🕒 All day

💰 Rp 5.000

🚌 Bus - 1.5 hrs from city

📧 tourism@central-java-tourism.com
central-java-tourism.com

Taman Hiburan Rakyat Sriwedari

The garden where King Pakubuwono X had his celebrations as well as where locals go for recreation.

🕒 4.30pm-10.30pm (Weekdays)
8.30am-10.30pm (Weekends)

💰 Rp 3.000

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎ +62271741432

Smart Tip The daily wayang wong show starts 10pm and lasts for 3 hours.

Fans Suggest Ride a Ferris wheel to get a spectacular view of the city!

Solo Steam Loco

Take a trip around the city accompanied by gamelan music and *jamu* drink.

🕒 Daily, 9am-11.30pm

💰 Rp 150.000 (Adults)
Rp 75.000 (Children under 5 yrs)

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

☎ +62271717470
solosteamloco.com

Fun Fact! The locomotive was transported from Ambarawa.

Gladag Langen Boga

In the vicinity of Vastenburg, check out the delightful culinary night market!

🕒 Every night, 7pm-12am

💰 Free

🚗 Walk - 10 mins from city

📧 info@solothespirtofjava.com
solothespirtofjava.com

Smart Tip Make full use of the free Wi-Fi service (yes, in a night market).

House of Danar Hadi

You can see many ancient batik collections as well as batik-making process.

🕒 Daily, 9am-4pm

💰 Rp 25.000

🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city

☎ +62271722042
houseofdanarhadi.com

Smart Tip There are attractive packages available to make the most of your visit.



The outer sections of the karaton is open for visitors © Barry Kusuma



Catch a colourful wayang wong show at Sriwedari © Barry Kusuma

Karaton Kasunanan Surakarta Hadiningrat

Full of Javanese symbolisms in its design, the royal palace has several large courtyards with pavilions, with one functioning as a museum housing carriages, palanquins and statues.

- 🕒 Mon-Thur, 9am-2pm
Sat-Sun, 9am-3pm
- 💰 Rp 10.000
- 🚶 Walk - 5 mins from city
- ☎ +62271641243
karatonsurakarta.com

Smart Tip Dress accordingly to show your respects, so do not wear shorts and slippers.

Pura Mangkunagaran

The inner hall showcases some fascinating items, including antique wayang puppets, a shrine for the rice goddess and chastity belts!

- 🕒 9am-2pm (Weekdays)
9am-1pm (Weekends)
- 💰 Rp 10.000
- 🚶 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎ +62271634467
karatonsurakarta.com

Smart Tip Come at 10am to watch the daily traditional show.



The gates that lead to the mysterious Suku Temple

Candi Suku

Unlike other temples in Indonesia built in meru style, this temple resembles a Mayan pyramid with its unique trapezium shape. Of mysterious origins, it is renowned for its unusually erotic reliefs and statues.

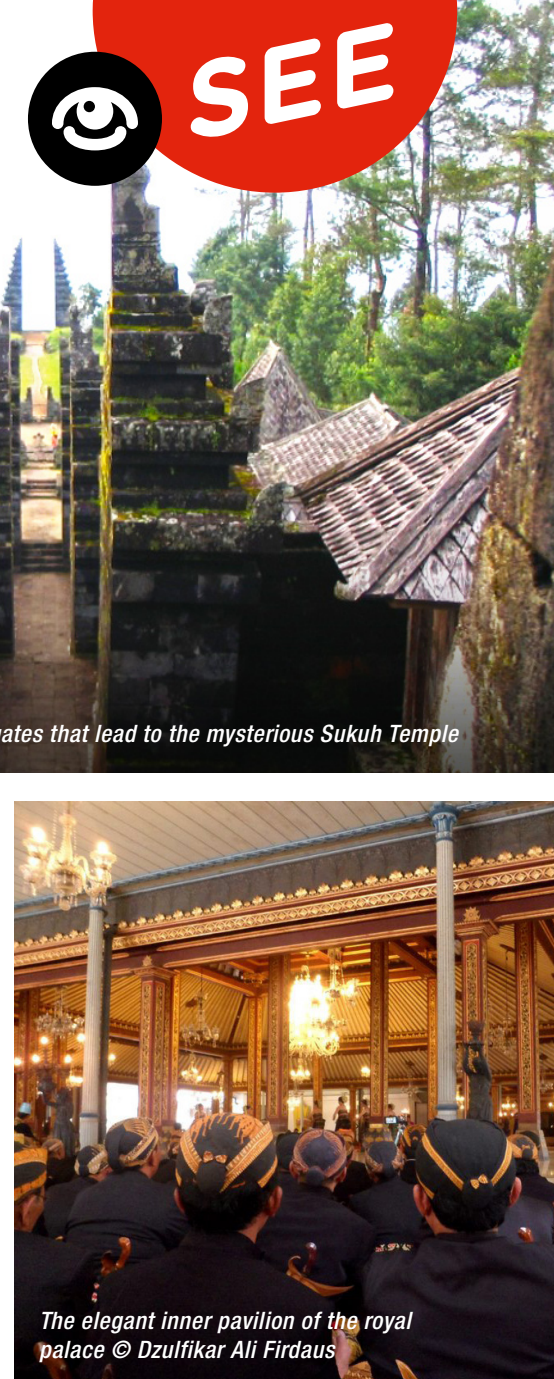
- 🕒 Daily, 8am-5pm
- 💰 Rp 10.000
- 🚌 Bus - 1.5 hrs from city
- ☎ tourism@central-java-tourism.com
central-java-tourism.com

Sangiran Early Man Site

Trace back humankind up to 1.7 million years ago! This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the location where scientist von Koenigswald unearthed "Java Man" a.k.a *Pithecanthropus erectus*!

- 🕒 Tue-Sun, 8am-4pm
- 💰 Rp 7.500
- 🚶 Taxi - 1 hr journey
- ☎ +622717087446
sangiran-sragen.com

Fun Fact! The fossils in Sangiran represent 50% of the human fossils found all over the world.



The elegant inner pavilion of the royal palace © Dzulfikar Ali Firdaus

Candi Cetho

One of the last Hindu temples of Majapahit built before Islam domination, it's a true representation of how Javanese temples had evolved from Indian architectural styles into a distinctively Javanese style.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Rp 10.000
- 🚌 Bus - 1.5 hrs from city
- ☎ tourism@central-java-tourism.com
central-java-tourism.com

Fun Fact! Cetho in Javanese means "pure" or "clear", and there is a functioning Hindu temple nearby for those who'd like to experience a self-purifying ceremony.



Javanese 'loro blonyo' or the 'inseparable pair', is one of the things you can find in antique markets

Pasar Klewer

The place to go for clothes, fabrics and accessories. Prepare your cash (no credit cards accepted here), and haggle like there's no tomorrow!

🕒 Daily, 9am-4.30pm

🚗 5 mins walk from city

Pasar Windujenar

Calling all antique aficionados! Hunt for unique and exclusive items such as traditional masks, wayang puppets, coins and so much more!

🕒 Daily, 9am-4pm

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

Kampung Batik Laweyan

With a whole neighbourhood dedicating themselves to the art of batik-making, you'll definitely find quality batiks made of natural silk and even some weaving silk materials here.

🕒 Daily, 8am-5pm

🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city

Pasar Gedhe Harjonagoro

With its charming colonial Javanese architecture, this market is a paradise for those who seek for fruits, aquarium fishes and traditional food.

🕒 Daily, 7am-5pm

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins journey

Smart Tip The opening hours are not standardized, so you can just explore the area to find your dream batik.

Fans Suggest Watch the process of batik-making to really appreciate the art, or better yet, try making one yourself.



Traditional batik of every quality and size imaginable



Segaliwet, a delicious and satisfying dish in every sense © Phebe Wibisana

Timlo

Have this soup made of broth, cellophane noodle, chicken and sweet soy sauce on its own, or have it with rice if you're really hungry.

Sosis Solo

The wrap is made from flour, eggs and coconut milk, with a sumptuous filling of sautéed minced beef, egg, garlic and scallion. Roll them together, and you'll get a succulent Solo-style spring roll!

Selat Solo

You can taste a tad of Dutch influence in Javanese cuisine. Luscious tenderloin in sweet and sour sauce is served with boiled potato, carrot, spring bean, and slices of egg. East meets West at its yummiest!

Segaliwet

Rice cooked in coconut milk with shredded chicken and herb-infused egg, a mellow-tasting dish that fits the nature of gentle-spoken people of Solo.

Cabuk Rambak

Now a rarity, Cabuk Rambak is compressed rice cakes with sesame-based sauce, candleberry and shredded coconut. It is usually eaten in between meals.

Thengkleng

Craving for a warm filling meal? Fill your tank with this hearty soup made from the offal and bones of goat that will satisfy your hunger pangs!



Healthy jamu has a unique and refreshing taste!



Find out why Indonesians love their street food so much!

SEMARANG

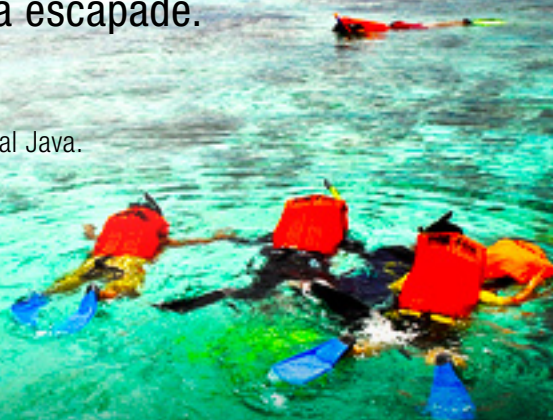


DO

Beating life to Central Java is a relatively undetected marvel. Splendid in its nature, replete with archaic charms and gushing with hand-me-down traditions, Semarang is the unexpected Java escapade.

Did you know?

- Semarang is the fifth largest city in Indonesia.
- Tanjung Emas port is the busiest port in Central Java.



The crystal clear water of Karimunjawa

Lawang Sewu (Thousand Doors)

A fascinating mix of a morbid past, more doors than structures of its size and a mysterious dungeon! A favourite for those who are looking to experience the supernatural.

- 🕒 Mon-Wed, 8am-5pm
Thur-Sat, 8am-12am
Sun, 8am-6pm

- 💰 Rp 15.000 - Compound
Rp 15.000 - Building
Rp 30.000 - Guided tour of building and dungeon

- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

- 📞 Semarang Tourism and Culture Board
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Fun Fact! UNESCO is funding the restoration works as it will be in its World Heritage Site list very soon.

Taman Djamu Nyonya Meneer

Touch, smell and taste the abundant herbs found in *jamu* at the herb garden and indulge in some relaxing massages in-between.

- 🕒 Sun-Fri, 8am-3.30pm. Closed Sat.

- 💰 Free

- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city

- 📞 +62243547532
nyonyameneer.com

Smart Tip Call ahead to book your spa treatment as it is quite popular.

Banaran Coffee Plantation

It's an amalgamation of a vast coffee plantation, a quaint eatery, family fun amenities and outdoor thrills for the perfect weekend retreat.

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-5pm

- 💰 Free
Rp 50.000 - Plantation Tram Tour (for 5 adults and 3 children)

- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city

- 📞 +622987101770
kampoengkopibanaran.com

Fun Fact! The coffee is exported to countries such as Japan!

Smart Tip Check out their latest package promotions before you go to get the most out of your trip!

Karimunjawa Islands

What more can you expect from an amazing chain of 27 islands, with paradise in the form of sun, sea and beach for you to indulge?

- 🕒 All day

- 💰 Depending on tour operator

- 🚗 Ferry - 3.5 hours from city
Chartered plane - 30 mins journey

- 📞 Depending on tour operator

Smart Tip It's a good idea to take a 'ferry and stay' package as speedboat schedules tend to change and are infrequent.



Semarang is surrounded by inspiring natural beauties

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HOW TO GET TO SEMARANG

From	Frequency	Fare From
Kuala Lumpur	Daily	Rp 339.000
Jakarta	2x Daily	Rp 140.000

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The mysterious Lawang Sewu holds within its walls a gruesome past



Gereja Blenduk @ Panji

Dieng Plateau

Head upland to a phenomenal volcanic plain where ancient temple ruins, turquoise craters, healing hot springs and promising adventures await the eager adventurer!

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Depends on tour operator
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city
- 📞 Semarang Tourism and Culture Board
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Wayang Orang Ngesti Pandowo

Mesmerising Javanese theatre with elaborate props and expressive acting await those waiting to discover their artistic flair.

- 🕒 Daily, mostly night shows
- 💰 Depending on show
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Semarang Tourism and Culture Board
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Smart Tip Make friends with the locals as they can help to translate the play for your better understanding.

Curug 7 Waterfall

Refreshing mountain water cascading into seven glorious waterfalls provides the perfect respite with nature.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Rp 2.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city
- 📞 Semarang Tourism and Culture Board
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Fun Fact! Atop the falls is a pool of water (Kedung Wali) which doesn't dry up even during the hottest of days and brings you luck when you drink from it.

Losari Spa Retreat

Amongst the lush greenery of a coffee plantation lies a tranquil retreat promoting health and holistic wellness.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Depending on package
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- 📞 +62298596333
losaricoffeeplantation.com



The fun tram ride @ Banaran Coffee Plantation © Jayne Kam

RECOMMENDED STAYS From Rp 300.000

- Quest Aston Hotel Semarang ★★ ★
- Grand Candi Hotel Semarang ★★ ★ ★
- Dafam Hotel Semarang ★★ ★
- Whiz Hotel Semarang ★★ ★
- Hotel Horison Semarang ★★ ★
- Hotel Novotel Semarang ★★ ★
- Gumaya Tower Hotel Semarang ★★ ★ ★ ★
- Hotel Ibis Semarang Simpang Lima ★★ ★



Sam Poo Kong Temple and its many vibrant colours!

Sam Poo Kong Temple

Built to commemorate Admiral Cheng Ho, this temple exceeds all expectations with its artsy plinth designs.

🕒 Tue-Sun, all day. Closed Mon.

💰 Rp 10.000 (Non-Indonesian)
Rp 3.000 (Locals) - Temple Compound
Rp 30.000 (Non-Indonesian)
Rp 20.000 (Locals) - Temples

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

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Fun Fact! There's a 15th century anchor on display from the Admiral's ship.

Smart Tip Check and see if there is a guide available as it will enhance your tour experience.

Semarang Old Town

Relive the glory days of the Dutch colonisation with structures from that bygone era preserved in Old Town!

🕒 All day

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

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Fun Fact! Most buildings have been given a fresh coat of paint and are currently used by local businesses.

Gedong Songo Temple

Remnants of the mighty Sanjaya dynasty are showcased with nine fascinating temples high above Mount Ungaran.

🕒 Daily, 6.15am-5.15pm

💰 Rp 25.000 - Non-Indonesian
Rp 5.000 - Locals
From Rp 35.000 to Rp70.000 Horse Riding and Hot Springs package.

🚗 Taxi - 1.5 hrs from city

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Fun Fact! Villas for stays are available within the greenery of the temple complex.

Smart Tip Wear warm clothing as it can get pretty chilly up there!

Gereja Blenduk

The pride and joy of the Dutch, the church's centuries-old dome structure and furniture are still used till today!

🕒 Morning to evening

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎️ +62243554271

Fun Fact! Check out the gargantuan antique pipe organ looming above.

Marabunta Theatre (MGM)

Mata Hari, the infamous double spy-cum-courtesan was once the resident striptease act at this very spot!

🕒 Morning to evening

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

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Smart Tip Hire a guide in your native tongue before heading here to make it easier to understand the theatre's history.

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Satisfy your shopping needs at Paragon

Paragon

It's a glitzy fashion mall that boosts the latest in designer brands and fashion, fit for the city retail shoppers.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-10pm
- 🚶 Walk - 5 mins from city
- ☎ +62243562111
paragonsemarang.com

Andika Art and Crafts Gallery

Skilful crafts made by the talented hands of local artists. Totally gorgeous and an absolute must-have as a souvenir to hang proudly in your living room!

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-5pm
- 🚶 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎ +622247606123

DP Mall Semarang

A family-friendly mall with a well-known hypermarket for you to stock up on snacks and other munchies!

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-10.30pm
- 🚶 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎ +62243853588
dpmallsemarang.com

Pasar Semawis

The mixed aroma of spices, herbs and other city elements gives character to this buzzing market that houses varieties of food, knick-knacks, fashion and loads more in Chinatown.

- 🕒 Fri, Sat and Sun, evening to night
- 🚶 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎ Semarang Tourism and Culture Board
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Smart Tip Remember to haggle to get the best prices!

Jalan Pandanaran

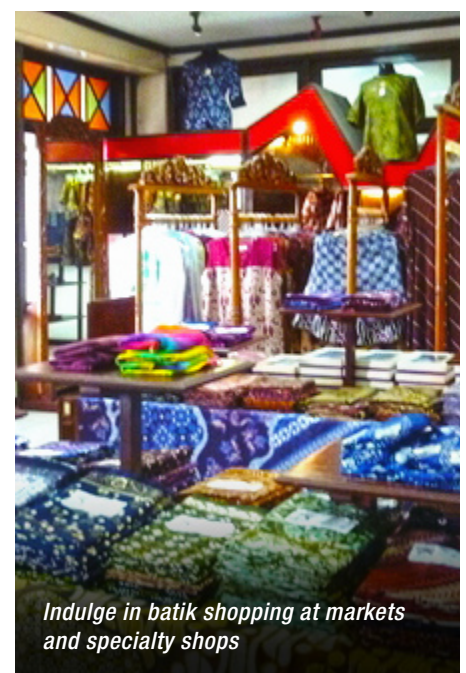
The entire street has shops selling *oleh-oleh* (local snacks) from Semarang and other parts of Central Java.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 🚶 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎ Semarang Tourism and Culture Board
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Smart Tip Be mindful of expiry dates! Check them properly before purchasing.



Snacks at Pandanaran to bring home
© Jayne Kam



Indulge in batik shopping at markets and specialty shops



Sate Kambing, so juicy and flavourful it practically takes your taste buds for a gastronomic spin!

Tahu Serasi

A mouth-watering combination of bean curd stuffed with flavourful minced beef. Makes for a great tea time snack!

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Tempe Mendoan

Snack on these fermented soy cake treats while you prowl the streets of Semarang. So good and crunchy, the batter is a simple mix of rice flour and spring onions.

Lumpia

Spring rolls with a twist! Over here, it's stuffed with bamboo shoots apart from the usual veggie, meat and seafood combo.

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Bandeng Presto

Crisp, crunchy and oh-so-yummy! Smoked milk fish pressure-cooked till the bones are soft, it can be your daily staple with steaming white rice for a complete taste of the local flavour.

Sate Kambing

You probably know what *sate* is and for those who don't, just sink your teeth into that juicy, heavily marinated grilled meat-on-a-skewer that you see on the streets.



The crunchy goodness of Tempe Mendoan



Crispy and full of flavour, Lumpia is an all time favourite snack © Jayne Kam

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Morning

Semarang 101

After a hearty breakfast, soak in a bit of history and culture within the city centre.

- Semarang Old Town
- Marabunta Theatre
- Gereja Blenduk
- Central Java Grand Mosque
- Semarang Art Gallery
- Tugu Muda Monument

Afternoon

Lunch break!

Fill your starving tummy with delicious local fare.

- Sate Kambing at Sate 29

Evening

The spine-tingling

Get acquainted with the dark and mysterious side of Semarang!

- Night Tour at Lawang Sewu



Morning

Healing traditions

Delve into *jamu* history and herbs with a little 'TLC' to start your day!

- Spa at Taman Djamu Nyonya Meneer

Afternoon

Dabble in nature and myths

Cocoon yourself with natural splendour, some ancient ruins and enthralling local stories.

- Gedong Songo Temple
- Curug 7 Waterfalls
- Dieng Plateau

Evening

Food, food, yummy-licious food

There are so many delicious local specialties to try, so indulge away!

- Food court at Paragon



Morning

Chomp, chomp, chomp!

Breakfast hungers pangs are satisfied with a generous helping of local food.

- Bandeng Presto at Warung's

Spiritual enlightenment

Explore the soulful side of Semarang on the fringes of the city.

- Sam Poo Kong Temple
- Gua Maria Kerep
- Vihara Buddhagaya

Afternoon

Shopping time!

Arts and crafts, batik, apparels, snacks and souvenirs - don't leave without getting some!

- Paragon
- DP Mall Semarang
- Gallery Semarang
- Pandanaran
- Andika Art and Crafts Gallery

Evening

The bewitching sea view!

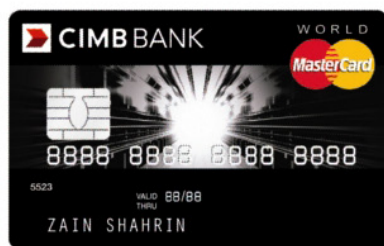
Unwind and have a relaxing meal at a restaurant near the beach.

- Marina Beach

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Throughout history, communities from different parts of the world have always flocked to and thrived in Medan, making it a city with rich and strong living traditions.

Did you know?

- Medan is the fourth largest city in Indonesia and the largest one outside Java.
- In addition to the native Bataks, Medan is characterized by sizeable Malay, Chinese and Indian populations.

Lake Toba, the largest volcanic lake in the world

Lake Toba

Formed by a stupendous prehistoric volcanic explosion, it is the largest volcanic lake in the world with towering mountains surrounding the caldera.

🕒 All day

💰 Rp 10.000 per vehicle

🚗 Taxi - 4 hrs from city

📍 North Sumatra Tourism
www.northsumatratourism.info

Fun Fact! Head to Samosir Island to learn about ancient Batak culture.

Fans Suggest Pay your respects at the tomb of one of Indonesia's national heroes, Sisingamangaraja XII.

Bukit Lawang

A UNESCO World Heritage Site composed mainly of shady trees, cool rivers and a sanctuary for around 5,000 Sumatran orang-utans.

🕒 8am-3pm (Visitor Centre)

💰 Rp 1.500 per vehicle

🚗 Taxi - 3 hrs from city

📍 North Sumatra Tourism
www.northsumatratourism.info

Smart Tip ATMs and bureaux de change are available in Bohorok, 11 km away.

Nias Island

Though known for its amazing waves, Nias is also the home of the unique megalithic sites and beautiful beaches.

🕒 All day

💰 Free

🚗 Airplane - 1 hr from city

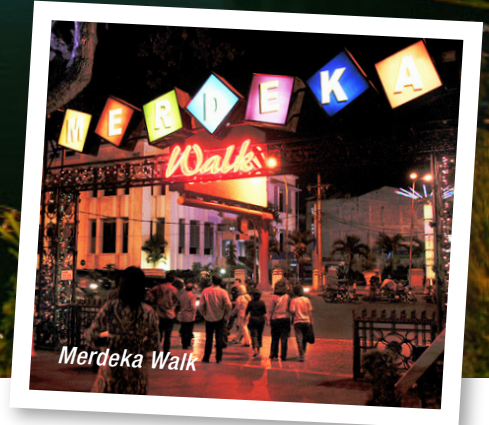
📍 North Sumatra Tourism
www.northsumatratourism.info

Fun Fact! Remember to check out the stone-jumping ritual *fahombo batu*, a local coming-of-age initiation custom.

Merdeka Walk

The hangout for local youths amongst great selections of restaurants and thumping to the friendly rhythms of live music.

🕒 Sun-Fri, 11am-12am,
Sat 11am-2am



💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

📍 Medan City Tourism Office
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Fun Fact! Travelling with kids? No worries as they will get to enjoy themselves at the nearby Playland!

RECOMMENDED STAYS From Rp 300.000

Grand Sakura Hotel Medan

★★★★★

Asean International Hotel Medan

★★★★★

Grand Angkasa International Hotel Medan

★★★★★

Grand Swiss Belhotel Medan

★★★★★

JW Marriot Hotel Medan

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Hotel Aryaduta Medan

★★★★★

Grand Aston City Hall Hotel Medan

★★★★★

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From	Frequency	Fare From
Bandung	Daily	Rp 359.000
Bangkok	4x Weekly	Rp 239.000
Surabaya	Daily	Rp 329.000
Kuala Lumpur	5x Daily	Rp 219.000

Sipiso-piso gracefully descends amidst the green landscape

Sipiso-piso Waterfall

A 120-metre-high waterfall with a vast plain and surrounding lush green hills, Sipiso-piso means “like a knife”.

🕒 All day

💰 Rp 2.000

🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city

📍 North Sumatra Tourism
www.northsumatratourism.info

Smart Tip Prepare for a tiring but totally satisfying climb back to the main road!



Heritage buildings reflect the ethnic diversity of Medan © Tourism Indonesia

Maimun Palace

A heritage of the Deli Sultanate, the palace has a majestic combination of Malay, Spanish, Indian, Italian and Islamic architecture.

🕒 Daily, 8am-6pm

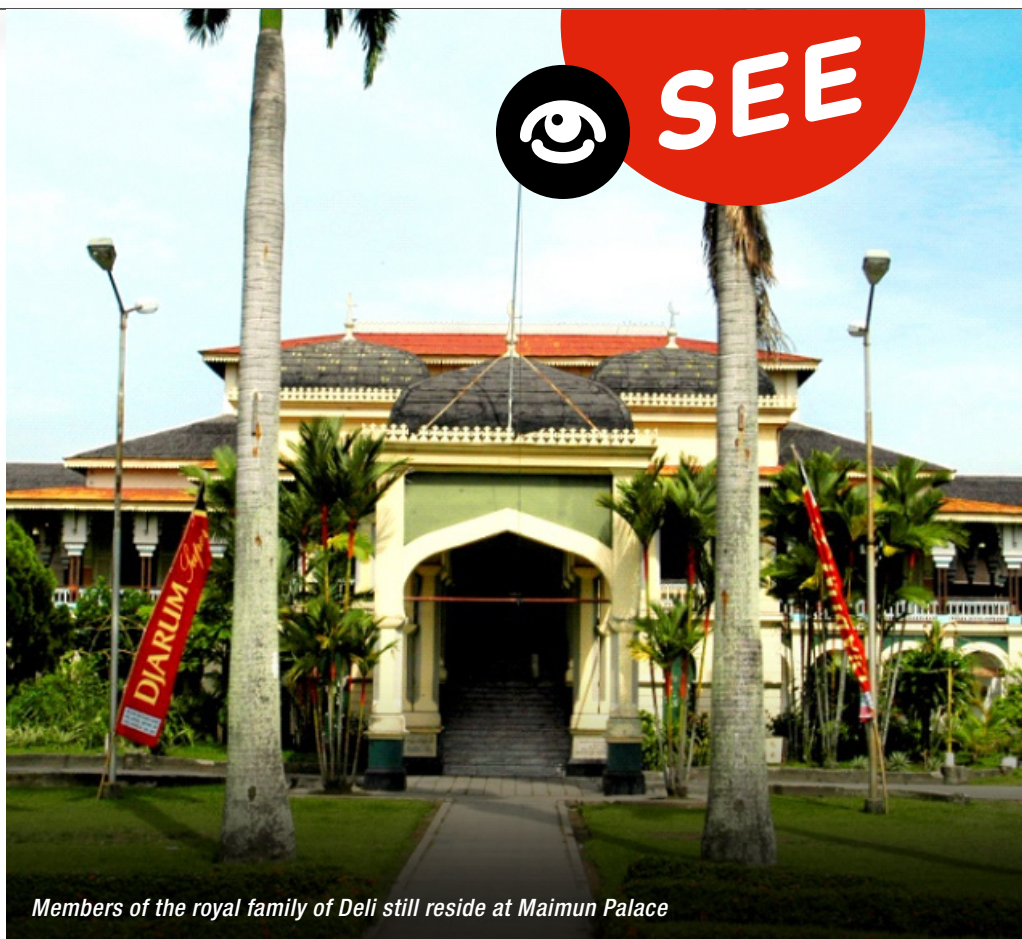
💰 Rp 5.000

🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city

📍 Medan Tourism
www.kotamedan.com

Fun Fact! There is a broken cannon believed to be the relic of a member of the royalty who died in a battle.

Fans Suggest Get your full dose of the experience by renting a traditional Malay costume and play an ancient nobleman for the camera!



Members of the royal family of Deli still reside at Maimun Palace

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👉 [Medan, Indonesia](#)



Tjong A Fie Mansion is an icon of friendship between different ethnic groups in Medan



*Mesjid Raya Al Mashun
© Tourism Indonesia*

The Old Medan City Hall

The regal city hall constructed in 1908 has been transformed into a café that retains original opulence.

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-10pm
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎ D'Heritage@Balai Kota
+62614557000

Shri Mariamman Temple

This temple was built by the Tamil community with a typical Dravidian style with an impressive gopuram (entrance tower).

- 🕒 Daily, 5.30am-12pm and 4pm-8pm
- 💰 No admission fee, donations welcomed
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎ +62614561230

Smart Tip This temple can get especially busy during Thaipusam and Deepavali, so make sure you plan your timing.

Mesjid Raya Al Mashun

The mosque was built with contributions from everyone including Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands!

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city centre
- ☎ Medan Tourism
www.kotamedan.com

Smart Tip Ask the local children to watch your footwear while you're inside the mosque.

Tjong A Fie Mansion

The former residence of Tjong A Fie, a Chinese tycoon who played a major role in the development and welfare of Medan.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm
- 💰 Rp 35.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎ Medan Tourism
www.kotamedan.com

Fun Fact! Fine-looking *peranakan* costumes are available for purchase.

Millennium Plaza

Once an abandoned shopping center, Millennium Plaza is revamped into one of the busiest centres for mobile phones and gadgets, making it the place to be for all your IT needs!

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-9pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city
- ☎ +62618452111

Smart Tip If you find the price in a shop is not satisfying, remember that there are always other shops to browse around till the price is right!

Sun Plaza

Sun Plaza has become a shopping legend of its own in Medan, backed by international and national tenants. This high-end establishment boasts more luxury goods than any other malls in town.

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-10pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎ +62614501000

Smart Tip Be careful when buying branded products - make sure that they are the real deal.



*Modern shopping malls
© Tourism Indonesia*



Durian is available all year long in Medan © Tourism Indonesia



Locally grown fresh produce in a traditional market © Tourism Indonesia

Pasar Petisah

A market as old as Medan itself, it's a delightful melting pot of friendly vendors of different ethnicities, selling everything under the sun! Look out for *kebaya* (traditional blouse-dress) and lace!

🕒 Early until evening

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

Smart Tip Try on your *kebaya* before purchasing.

Pasar Ramai

The fruit market located next to Thamrin Plaza is a heavenly blend of colours and smells from both local and imported fruits! What's more, it is also famous for its sweetmeats and confections.

🕒 Early until evening

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

Smart Tip This market gets very crowded on festive seasons such as Eid-ul-Fitr and Lunar New Year. Go in the early mornings to avoid crowds.

Cambridge City Square

The newest shopping icon, Cambridge City Square epitomises urban living with entertainment, business and residential areas under one roof.

🕒 Daily, 10am-10pm

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

☎ +62614554999
cambridge.co.id

Smart Tip There are some stores that sell knock-offs, so remember to shop wisely.

Kari Medan & Roti Jala

Definitely a match made in heaven! Nobody can deny that the scrumptious combination of Medan-style curry and *roti jala* (lacy coconut milk pancake) is an explosive blend of flavour!

Soto Medan

Almost every region in Indonesia has its own *soto* variant and the Medanese version is superbly delicious with chicken or prawn simmered in herbs and cooked in spicy coconut milk.

Saksang

A must-have in every Batak festivity, *saksang* or *sangsang* is made of minced pork stewed in blood, added with coconut milk and traditional spices.

Martabe Juice

Short for *markisa-terong belanda*, this delightfully refreshing juice blends uplifting passion fruit and tamarillo for a healthy boost that is unique to Medan!



Medanese love to boast about their delicious food! ©Yanti

Arsik

A carp dish that is deliciously seasoned with unique Batak seasonings such as Andaliman Pepper and Torch Ginger Fruit; it's prepared without disposing its scales to make the fish extra moist!

Bika Ambon

Bika Ambon is a delicious golden cake which is rich in coconut-milky goodness. Its sweet taste and spongy texture makes it a perfect treat with afternoon tea.



Bring home some Bika Ambon and Bolu Meranti © Yanti

3 DAYS OF MARVELLOUS MEDAN!



Dance amongst the Bataks

Lake Toba



Morning

Old town charm

Walk along the old part of the town where colonial buildings bravely stand the test of time!

- Kesawan Square
- Old Medan City Hall
- Bank Indonesia
- Medan Railway Station
- Oostkust Residential Mansion
- North Sumatra Governor Office
- Tirtanadi Water Tower
- London Sumatra Building
- Medan Main Post Office

Evening

Shopping Spree

Wonderful finds and reasonable prices await you!

- Pasar Petisah
- Pasar Ramai
- Cambridge City Square
- Mall Grand Palladium
- Sun Plaza
- Medan Fair Plaza
- Deli Plaza



Morning

Explore the great outdoors!

There's so much to choose when it comes to nature and outdoor activities!

- Lake Toba
- Lake Lau Kavar
- Lake Sidihoni
- Sipiso-piso Waterfall
- Two Colours Waterfall
- Asahan River
- Lau Debuk-debuk Hotspring
- Siogung-ogung Hotspring
- Mount Sinabung
- Mount Sibayak
- Hanging Rock
- Cermin Beach
- Sialangbuah Beach

Evening

The simple life

An evening of fun for the entire family with a wide range of local, Indonesian and international cuisines to choose from to end the perfect day!

- Merdeka Walk



Morning

A visit to vibrant Batak

Take a step further to get acquainted with the rich heritage of Batak people.

- King Sidabutar Site
- King Siallagan Site
- Tomb of King Sisingamangaraja XII
- Palace of King Sisingamangaraja XII

Evening

The melting pot of Medan

Celebrate the colourful communities and the historical worship places of the lively city.

- Maimun Palace
- Tjong A Fie Mansion
- Al Mashun Grand Mosque
- Gunung Timur Temple
- Shri Mariamman Temple
- Maha Vihara Maitreya
- Graha Maria Annai Velangkanni
- Dairi Garden Tour of Faith
- Avalokitesvara Temple



BANDA ACEH

Welcome to the amazing land of friendly smiles, untouched natural beauty and rich heritage located at the westernmost point of the Indonesian archipelago.

Did you know?

- Aceh holds a special territory status as it was never fully under Dutch colonial rule.
- The only province in the mostly secular Indonesia that has the right to apply Sharia Law.

A picturesque long stretch of Lhong Beach © Pretty Siregar

Lampauk Beach

Visitors to this popular spot can enjoy many activities such as surfing and banana boating, as well as the freshly grilled fish!

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Rp 3.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city
- 📞 Aceh Tourism
acehtourismagency.com

Smart Tip Fell in love with the place that you've decided to spend the night there? Opt for one of the local homestays for a whole new experience of local flavour!

Lhok Me Beach

The locals call it Pantai Pasir Putih (white sand beach) for obvious reasons. Sink your feet into the powdery white sand and enjoy the moment!

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- 📞 Aceh Tourism
acehtourismagency.com

Fans Suggest Don't miss out on the chance to chow on some locally homemade Aceh-style rujak.

Pucok Krueng

This nature enclave invites you to jump into the tranquil waters of the calm

green lake, surrounded by magnificent limestone hills.

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Free - donations appreciated
- 🚗 Taxi - 1.5 hrs from city
- 📞 Aceh Tourism
acehtourismagency.com

Fans Suggest Experience Civil War in a safe environment when you sign up for the Guerrilla Trail.

Lhong Waterfall

Lhong is one of the more popular waterfalls in Aceh with its deep and wide bathing pool.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Rented car - 2 hrs from city
- 📞 Aceh Tourism
acehtourismagency.com

Fans Suggest The area is renowned for its durians, so have a durian feast with your friends!

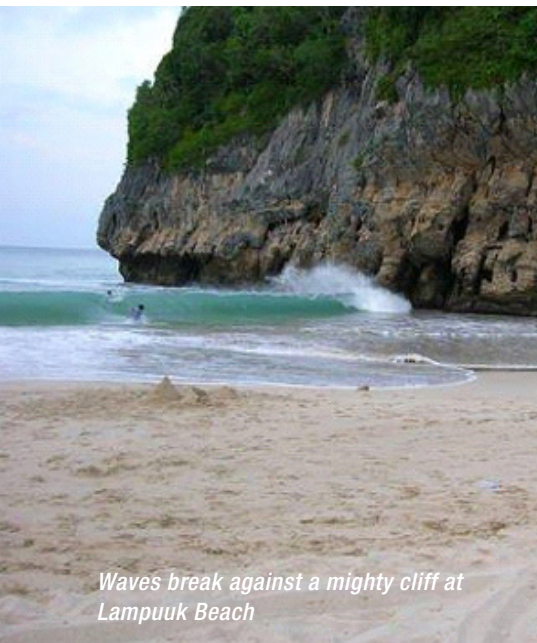
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HOW TO GET TO BANDA ACEH

From Kuala Lumpur	Frequency 4x Weekly	Fare From Rp 269.000
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Earn up to **95 BIG Points.** Sign up here!

A peaceful and fairly untouched Lhok Nga Beach © Pretty Siregar



Waves break against a mighty cliff at Lampuuk Beach



Learn new things with a different kind of "school" in Pulau Weh's underwater heaven © Davy Wibisana

Pulau Weh Marine Park

Explore the great depths of the cerulean sea as you dive and snorkel with dolphins, turtles, and even Manta Rays.

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Banda Aceh to Ulee Lheue port
- 15 mins by taxi
Ulee Lheue to Pulau Weh
- 45 mins by boat
- 📞 Banda Aceh Tourism
acehtourismagency.com

Smart Tip Get out of the sea for a while and explore the bountiful island by renting a bicycle at the Iboih Village.

Masjid Raya Baiturrahman

It's a symbol of Acehese religion and culture, especially since it survived the devastating 2004 tsunami.

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Banda Aceh Tourism
bandaacehtourism.com

Smart Tip Wear modest clothing that covers the entire body. Women should wear headscarves.



The tsunami left Aceh with devastation and peculiar sights such as this one

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm
- 💰 Rp 35.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Museum Aceh
museum.acehprov.go.id

Fans Suggest Don't forget to see the museum's main attraction - the Cakradonya Bell, a gift from the Ming Emperor in the 15th century to the Sultan of Aceh.

Taman Sari Gunongan

The private playground and bathing place was built by Sultan Iskandar Muda for his wife who longed for her home in Pahang.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Banda Aceh Tourism
bandaacehtourism.com

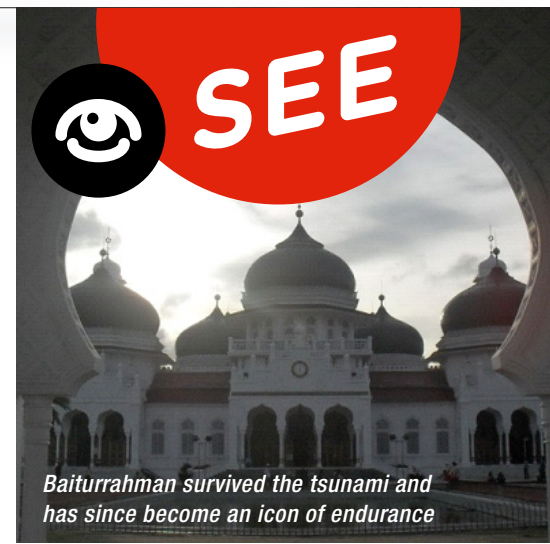
Museum Aceh

Delve deep into Aceh's legacy through its old currency, daily tools, relics, artefacts and much more.

PLTD Apung

A 200-ton diesel-powered ship that was carried away to a village by the tsunami in December 2004 now stands as a monument of the disaster.

- 🕒 Daily



Baiturrahman survived the tsunami and has since become an icon of endurance

- 💰 Free - donations appreciated
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Banda Aceh Tourism
bandaacehtourism.com

Museum Tsunami

This structure functions not only as a reminder of one of the most devastating natural disasters in recent history but can also be used as a shelter.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-4pm
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Banda Aceh Tourism
bandaacehtourism.com

Pasar Peunayong

This market sells the usual produce from groceries to household items. What sets it apart is that it's a favourite local haunt for its tantalizingly yummy breakfast meals.

🕒 Early until evening

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city centre

Fans Suggest The most important meal of the day gets a healthy jumpstart with local favourites - fragrant rice, vegetable porridge and healthy vegetarian dishes!

Rencong Workshops

The traditional blade of Aceh is an important part of Acehnese history believed to carry mystical powers. The weapons also make for great souvenirs, purchased from artisans at work at Jalan Ateuk Jawa.

🕒 Early to evening

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

Smart Tip Best opt for those with a brass blade and buffalo horn hilt that'll look great on your mantelpiece!



Aceh produces the best seafood and quality, providing for the nation and the world © Tourism Indonesia

Hermes Palace Mall

Amidst the old world charms of Banda Aceh stands its first and only modern mall boasting an exciting array of trendy brands and a huge family entertainment centre!

🕒 Daily, 10am-10pm

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

☎ +62651637888



Rencong © Tourism Indonesia

Pasar Aceh

The hustle and bustle of the busy market makes it a wonderful place to shop for souvenirs, especially the world famous Acehese coffee.

🕒 Early until evening

🚶 Walk - 10 mins from city centre

Ayam Tangkap

"Tangkap" means 'captured' in Indonesian and captured will you be by this aromatic dish of chicken cut into small pieces and cooked with curry leaves, coconut water, turmeric and other spices.

Langsa Marrow Bone Soup

Did you know that marrow soup is good for your immune system? Sip on its rich broth and suck on the marrow from the bones to have a nutrient-intense dish.

Gulee Pliek U

The tangy sensation in this vegetable curry comes from pliek u, a by-product of coconut. A homey dish that is meant to be eaten with the head of a dried fish and a plate of hot steamed rice.

Mi Aceh

Don't let its fiery red colour scare you away! This bold dish may be hot and spicy, but it's definitely delicious! It's best accompanied by crab curry that complements the springy noodles.

Eungkot Keumamah

Minced and sundried tuna is cooked in a creamy mixture of coconut milk, chillies, turmeric and corn. Crack a fresh duck's egg over it and it's ready to serve!

Timphan

Timphan is a rarity, almost exclusively served for Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha only. A sinfully delicious treat made of sugar, flour, coconut milk and egg with durian srikaya filling.



*Acehese people love their curries
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Musi River Cruise

The Musi River is the lifeblood of civilization in Palembang. The 78-metre high Ampera Bridge is popular for its beauty at sunrise and sunset.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Rp50.000 - Rp100.000
- 🚗 Take a boat under Ampera Bridge, in front of Sultan Mahmud Badaruddin II Museum, or in front of Benteng Kuto Besak
- 📞 South Sumatra Tourism Office - Palembang
+62711356661
sumselprov.go.id

Smart Tip Best to hire a boat with a group, as charges for a private boat are much higher.

Fun Fact! Ampera Bridge was last raised in 1970, purportedly because raising it slows down traffic.

Punti Kayu Forest Park

Enjoy a peaceful day at the natural forest and conservation park, where you can explore the 50-hectare pine forest, take a boat ride and end the day at the Fauna Museum!

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Rp 4.000 - Adults
Rp 2.000 - Children
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 minutes from city
Van - Monpera Monument to KM12
- 📞 +6271141066
puntikayu.com

Ki Gede Ing Suro Ancient Cemetery

Ruins of eight buildings and thirty-eight tombs can be found in the cemetery built in the mid16th century.

- 🕒 Daily
- 🚗 Taxi from city centre
- 📞 South Sumatra Tourism Office
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Ampera Bridge at night © Tourism Indonesia



PALEMBANG

The capital of the Sriwijaya Empire from the 9th to the 11th centuries, Palembang is a multi-cultural city with a rich Hindu, Buddhist and Islamic heritage.

Did you know?

- Palembang means, roughly, "to pan for gold".
- It is one of the oldest cities in Indonesia.



HOW TO GET TO PALEMBANG

From	Frequency	Fare From
Kuala Lumpur	1x Daily	Rp 229.000

Earn up to
95 BIG
Points.
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Fun Fact! Ki Gede Ing Suro was a noble who fled Demak to Palembang. This explains why Masjid Agung resembles the mosque in Demak.

Pagoda Sembilan Tingkat

The Chinese Buddhist temple on Kemaro Island is the backdrop for a legendary cross-culture love story between Tan Bun An and Siti Fatimah.

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Boat - 20 mins from city
- 📞 South Sumatra Tourism Office
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Fun Fact! Despite restrictions, couples continue to write their names on the Tree of Love.

Taman Purbakala Bukit Siguntang

Located in the hills west of Palembang, it's the burial ground for Palembang's royalty, and is regarded as a highly sacred place.

- 🕒 Daily
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city
- 📞 South Sumatra Tourism Office
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Fun Fact! Bukit Siguntang is said to be where the demi-god Siperba descended, marking the beginning of the Malay race.

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Be awed by the Sriwijayan kingdom's power with the SMB II Museum's extensive collection © Tourism Indonesia



Masjid Agung

Sultan Mahmud Badaruddin II Museum

With the original structures still standing sturdy against the test of time, take in the timeless aura as you soak in its traditions and heritage!

🕒 Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
Sat-Sun 8:30am-4pm
Closed Public Holidays

💰 Rp 2.000 - General
Rp 1.000 - Student

🚗 Taxi from city

☎ +62711358450

Fun Fact! Though other buildings during that era mainly use wood, the palace was built with bricks, and was the residence of the Palembang Darussalam Sultanate.



A working fort with imposing walls - but a family-friendly spot for hanging out! © Tourism Indonesia

Benteng Kuto Besak

Visit the 18th century military fortress at night and you'll see its spectacular view as it casts its reflection on the surface of the Musi river.

🕒 No entry

🚗 Taxi, bus, angkot to city or a short walk from Ampera Bridge

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Fun Fact! There were as many as 129 cannons atop the fort in 1819 during the battle against the Dutch colonizers.

Fans Suggest The adjacent Plaza Benteng Kuto Besak is a large area for local activities, including a relaxing stroll through the plaza to even extreme sports.

Kampung Kapitan

This heritage village on stilts reflects the blend of Palembang, Chinese and Dutch cultures.

🕒 Daily

💰 Free

🚗 From Benteng Kuto Besak, take a boat to the village or walk from the Musi

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Museum Bala Putra Dewa

Named after a mighty Sriwijaya king, the traditional architecture houses over 2,000 relics, replicas and artefacts that showcase the rich historical era.

🕒 8am-3.30pm daily except Mon and Public Holidays

💰 Rp 1.500 - Adults
Rp 500 - Children

🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city

☎ +62711411382

Smart Tip Pass by the Rumah Limas to check out the traditional Palembang houses on stilts!

Fun Fact! The museum is home to the Telaga Batu Inscription, which uses Pallava in Old Malay language.

Great Mosque of Sultan Mahmud

Home to the world's largest wooden Quran, the large mosque was built with Chinese and European influences to add to its magnificent splendour.

🕒 Daily

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 3 mins from city

☎ +62711350332

Fun Fact! The mosque can accommodate up to an astounding 15,000 worshippers at a time!



Palembang woodcarving combines gold over black and red paints © Province of South Sumatra



Palembang's most famous market, Pasar 16 Ilir © Cherly



BUY

Pasar Ilir 16

This riverside market is the real deal. Get the best prices in the city by bargaining hard for new and second-hand clothing, textiles, gold, and used books.



Daily



Taxi to city or walk from Ampera Bridge



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Tujuh Saudara

Palembang's famous traditional *songket* (woven fabric with gold or silver thread), *batik* and *jumputan* (colourful tie-dyed

cloth) can be found here for those who appreciate the finer produces of Palembang.



Daily



Taxi - 10 mins from city



+62711363944
tujuhsaudara.com

Palembang Square

The large department store, hypermarket and bookstore make this mall a family favourite! Its location beside Hotel Aryaduta makes it accessible to the convention centre.



Daily



Taxi or angkot - 15 mins from city



+ 62711359918

Palembang Indah Mall

A lifestyle mall for the younger set, PIM is popular for its cineplex, the best in Palembang.



Daily



Taxi or angkot - 10 mins from city



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palembangindahmall.com



Tekwan, a Palembang favourite

EAT

Pempek

Also known as *empek-empek*, this fried fish-based delicacy is served with *cuko* (sweet vinegar). Various types are made with different ingredients. A must-try in Palembang!

Tekwan

A popular fish ball soup dish containing shrimp, mushroom, vermicelli, celery and water chestnut - perfect for any weather.

Martabak

This savoury martabak - similar to a stuffed pancake - is made with duck egg, flour and spices. Best eaten with appetizing curry gravy! Simply irresistible!

Sate Pentul Palembang

Said to be the beef version of the Balinese shrimp satay, Sate Pentul Palembang has an irresistible unique blend of coconut, lemongrass, garlic, and red onion.

Pindang Patin Palembang

Spicy and sour silver catfish cooked in lemon juice, lemongrass, tamarind and various spices that will leave you craving for more!

PADANG



Nature appreciation, cultural experience and decadent indulgence are the main attractions in West Sumatra's capital city. Although it has a thriving port, the city is sedately paced. So leave your cares behind, put on a smile and get lost in its beckoning charms!

Did you know?

- Surprisingly, Padang's population is less than one million even though it's the largest city in West Sumatra.
- It is a major port, trading mostly in tea, coffee and spices produces.

HOW TO GET TO PADANG

From
Kuala Lumpur

Frequency
2x Daily

Fare From
Rp 239.000

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Fun at Mentawai Islands! © Phaik Hoe

Kerinci Seblat National Park

Come face to face with the Sumatran Rhinoceros, Sunda Clouded Leopard and plenty more creatures in the largest national park in Sumatra.

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-6pm
- 💰 Depending on package
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
+6275134186
padangtourism.info

Fun Fact! This park is an ASEAN Heritage Site and a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site!

Smart Tip Best to avoid rainy October to December and bring warm clothes for cold evenings.

Mentawai Islands

The chain of 70 islands and islets offers a whole lot of choices, including Siberut, the largest island with thriving marine life.

- 🕒 Morning to evening

- 💰 Depends on package
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr 45 mins from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Fun Fact! The indigenous inhabitants are known as the Mentawai People, one of earth's most fascinating and best-preserved indigenous cultures.

Smart Tip Bring your surf board as it's another Indonesian surfer's paradise!

Bukittinggi

High on the hills are Sianok Canyon's fun Observation Tower, the intricate tunnel network of the Japanese Caves and Fort de Kock - a former Dutch fort amidst rugged mountains and valleys.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Sianok Canyon -
Rp 2.000 per person
Japanese Caves -
Rp 5.000 per person
Fort de Kock -
Rp 5.000 per person

- 🚗 Taxi - 1.5 hrs from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Fun Fact! Watch swarms of fruit bats feed during the evening times.

Lake Maninjau

With its namesake meaning 'to observe', it's no wonder why many gather to admire the beauty of the caldera lake, its tranquil surface reflecting the overhead mountains.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Fans Suggest You can enjoy some frolicking fun with swimming, extreme sports, biking and even visit the nearby villages near the lake.

Lubuk Minturun

Reconnect with the great outdoors and free fall into the cooling waters of the refreshing waterfall!

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-6pm
- 💰 Rp 5.000 - Adult
Rp 3.000 - Child
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Gadang Clock Tower

Literally meaning 'Massive Clock', this major landmark stands tall as part of Bukittinggi city's panoramic scenery amidst hills and valleys.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Fun Fact! Check out the unique numbers on the clock! The Roman numeral for the number four (IV) is written as "IIII".



Malin Kundang Stone

Named after a rich merchant who was cursed by his mother, the mystical folklore surrounding this stone is added on to the fact that it resembles a man on his knees!

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Taman Budaya

Discover Padang's cultural legacy in an aural pleasing, visual spectacle traditional performance.

- 🕒 Depending on performance
- 💰 Depending on performance
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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padangtourism.info

Smart Tip It's a good idea to check for performance schedules before heading over.

Siti Nurbaya Bridge

Near, far and wherever you are, your romantic evening stroll coupled with an amazing sunset and an astounding view of the pier. Take that, Jack and Rose!

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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padangtourism.info

Fun Fact! Siti Nurbaya is a fascinating local legend about a girl who was forced to marry a wealthy man and forgo her true love, resulting in her taking her own life tragically.

Adityawarman Museum

The quirky, pointed roofs of this traditional Minangkabau house holds the secrets of its cultural past.

- 🕒 Tue-Sun, 8am-4pm. Closed Mon.
- 💰 Rp 2.000 - Adult
Rp 1.000 - Child
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Plaza Andalas

Though it was badly damaged during the 2009 earthquake, it is now back and better! It houses a huge array of local products and brands.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-9pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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padangtourism.info

Minang Plaza

Steering clear of the generic huge malls, you can opt for some 'indie shopping' with unique products, funky local brands, one-of-a-kind handicrafts and fresh produces in store!

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-9pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Embroidered Cloth at Bukittinggi

Hand woven silk sarongs, embroidered garments, richly woven cloth and quality house linen - all these and more at affordable prices. Take home Padang's exquisite fabric products here!

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- 📞 Padang Tourism Board
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Nasi Padang

This Minangkabau specialty is the ultimate indulgence fest! It's white rice combined with a multitude of side dishes like meats, fish and vegetables. Simple yet flavourful!

Katupek Pitalah

Locals can't go wrong as they have this dish of compressed rice (ketupat) served in a bowl of steaming, coconut milk with spices for breakfast on a daily basis!

Es Tebak

Icy, sweet, delicious - every slurp leaves you wanting for more as you pick your way through the syrup, condensed milk and other yummy condiments in this icy dessert.



Ayam Pop

Deep fried chicken is the ultimate drool factor, but the Padang variety makes you crave it even more! Crispy chicken nuggets marinated with heavenly spices and fried to golden perfection!

Soto Padang

Beef lovers shouldn't waste any time finding a bowl of Soto Padang with loads of beefy goodness in richly cooked broth. Delish!

SPECIAL FEATURE II EVOLUTION OF ART IN INDONESIA



Enjoy the astounding Kecak Dance at Uluwatu Temple, South of Bali

Genuine, breathtaking and culturally fulfilling, the beauty of Indonesian art spreads across the archipelago, carrying timeless legacy of its rich and mystical heritage. By Vini Balan

With influences from the diverse cultures of the original indigenous and foreign traders, the fiercely protected art form of traditional Indonesia has now evolved taking a modern approach, appreciated more by the world today.

For example, the Kecak dance performed only during religious ceremonies is now openly performed for the public with some amendments to suit the general audience, specially choreographed by a European artist. Songket with its rich history tracing all the way back to India, Arab, Cambodia and even Pattani, was exclusively worn by the wealthy is now a favourite souvenir item for the masses.

Dance & Music

Indonesia's renowned dance and music continues to keep the world intrigued mainly because of its varied creative expression of traditional values of different ethnic groups across the region.

Traditional music such as dangdut, samba sunda and jaipongan are world famous, whilst well-known dances such as barong, kecak, legong and many others depict the rich history behind every beautiful step and turn.

Kecak Dance (Bali)

One of the most popular Balinese dances, Kecak is performed by over 100 men chanting "cha" as a replacement to the sound of the Gamelan.

This musical feast usually starts at sunset with five scenes of the battle between Rama and Lord Rahwana as the former attempts to save his wife Sitha. This Hindu epic performance usually lasts for an hour and has become one of the 'must sees' when in Bali.



© Haze Jalalludin



Sculptures

Numerous megalithic sculptures can be found strewn all around Indonesia especially in Sumatra, Java and all the way to Sulawesi. Highly influenced by Hinduism, the sculptures were built to reflect on the region's local culture, and portray the unity between the indigenous tribes. The majestic Borobudur is among prominent sculptures that define this well.

Borobudur (Central Java)

This beautiful Mahayana Buddhist temple is a UNESCO World Heritage site and pilgrimage spot, consisting of six square platforms that are crowned with three circular platforms, and beautifully decorated with 2,672 relief panels and 504 Buddha statues. The sculptures of deities here are different from the ones in India, as they bear distinct Indonesian features.

Architecture

Meanwhile, architecture in Indonesia has also seen many great external influences but most Indonesian ethnic groups still maintain a distinctive form of vernacular architecture known as *rumah adat*.

Rumah Adat

The uniqueness of *rumah adat* stands in its architectural structure itself. The master builder draws ideas from the tribe's social relations, traditional laws, taboos, myths and religions to strongly reflect the uniqueness of its culture. One of the most beautiful vernacular architectures can be found at Lake Singkarak in West Sumatra, with its dramatically curved roof structure and the painted floral carvings.

Crafts

Known for its amazing and intricate craftsmanship, Indonesia is famous for their wood, batik and songket products. The best wood crafts can be found in Central Java, whilst the best of batiks are aplenty in Jogjakarta and Solo.

Songket on the other hand is famous in Palembang in which gold thread was first woven into a songka, a Palembang traditional cap. Like the many art forms in Indonesia, these crafts are also heavily influenced by the religions and culture brought over by traders and settlers many centuries ago.

Wood Carvings

The fine art of wood carving in Indonesia is a skill handed down through generations, maintaining the high skill and expertise to turn blocks of wood into exquisite decorative works of art! Usage of different types of wood such as Belalu, Suar and Teak depends on the finished products - toys, souvenirs, furniture, statues and more.

Explore its diversity, admire its beauty, delight in its essence and adore its enthralling stories - the visual appeals of Indonesia's art form draws the world's worthy attention for good reasons. As much as one knows about the intricate details and rich background of Indonesia's well-preserved art, there is still so much to discover about Indonesia's artistry.

PEKANBARU

Despite its black gold associations, Pekanbaru's nature parks and its warm, hospitable people are its strongest suits, in addition to wide, traffic-free roads and magnificent architecture that befit the city's status.

Did you know?

- Pekanbaru is the capital of Riau province, which supplies roughly half of Indonesia's crude oil.
- Pekanbaru, literally "new market", is not that new- it was officially named as a settlement in 1784.



DO

Riau Cultural Park

Soak up the arts at the park, the leading venue for art performances and activities. Don't miss the traditional houses next door!

🕒 Daily, 7.30am-4pm
(except Sun and holidays)

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city

☎ +6276121300

Fun Fact! The park has separate buildings for sports, dance, fine arts and theatre, in addition to two outdoor theatres.

Alam Mayang Fishing Garden

The three ponds have various kinds of fish including carp and catfish, all yours to take home.

🕒 Daily

💰 Rp 15.000

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

☎ Riau Culture and Tourism Office
+6276140356
www.budpar.riau.go.id

Fun Fact! The total area of the ponds is a whopping 18,560 square metres - the size of three football fields!

Limbungan Lake

The lake in Sari Valley is a great place for some laidback fun. Hire a boat or a water bicycle or better yet, rev up your motorbike and kick up some dust at the motocross arena.

🕒 Morning to evening

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi or bus - 20 mins from city

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www.budpar.riau.go.id

Fun Fact! Limbungan Lake is an artificial lake formed by an irrigation dam.

Smart Tip Avoid Sundays and holidays, as it can get very crowded.

Taman Putri Kaca Mayang

This recreation complex is considered Pekanbaru's local funfair, complete with fun rides, a swimming pool and game areas for family-filled fun!

🕒 Daily, 9am-6pm

💰 Rp 3.000 - Adult
Rp 2.000 - Child

🚗 Taxi or bus - 5 mins from city

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Fun Fact! Putri Kaca Mayang is a legendary princess whose courtship and death led the commander Panglima Gimpan to establish Pekanbaru.

Tujuh Serangkai Caves

This series of seven caves in Rambah village can pose a real challenge to eager explorers. Cool off in the nearby river and waterfalls for a satisfying reward.

🕒 Morning to evening

💰 Free. Guide hires are advised as there is very little signage

🚗 Taxi or hired transport - 1.5 hrs from city

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Smart Tip Bring a change of clothes just in case you get wet.

BOOK NOW



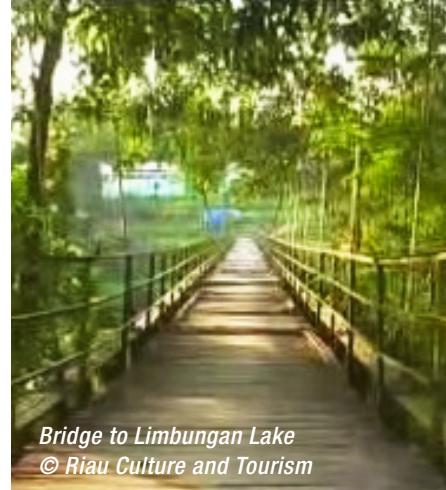
HOW TO GET TO PEKANBARU

From
Kuala Lumpur

Frequency
2x Daily

Fare From
Rp 239.000

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Bridge to Limbungan Lake
© Riau Culture and Tourism

Mesjid Agung An-Nur

Within its gates are Islamic centres and vast lush green spaces. When it's lit up at night, it is a sight to behold!

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Riau Culture and Tourism Office
+6276140356
www.budpar.riau.go.id

Smart Tip Free Wi-Fi is provided in the complex, so laptops and mobile phones are welcomed.



The majestic Mesjid Agung An-Nur is said to resemble India's Taj Mahal!

Mesjid Agung Pekanbaru

Built in the 18th century, the Grand Mosque is the oldest mosque in Pekanbaru.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Riau Culture and Tourism Office
+6276140356
www.budpar.riau.go.id

Smart Tip The mosque is a stone's throw away from Pekanbaru Port and Pasar Bawah.

Idrus Tintin (MTQ) Bldg

An awe-inspiring structure built for the National MTQ (Quran reciting competition) and is a venue for concerts and performances.

- 🕒 All day

- 🕒 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city
- 📞 Riau Culture and Tourism Office
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www.budpar.riau.go.id

Smart Tip Take a peek at the surrounding traditional houses from the various regencies of the Riau province.

Candi Muara Takus

Located in the middle of the lush green forest, the ruins stand as evidence to the mighty Sriwijaya Empire.

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Rp 4.000
- 🚗 Taxi or hired vehicle - 3 hrs from city
- 📞 Riau Culture and Tourism Office
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www.budpar.riau.go.id

Fans Suggest On your way to Candi Muara Takus, make a stop at Desa Pulau Belimbing to see Rumah Lontiok, a beautiful deserted house shaped like a boat.

Sang Nila Utama Museum

Named after a Bintan king, the museum covers all aspects of Riau history and culture, even up to the present oil economy.

- 🕒 Tue-Thur 8am-3.30pm,
Fri 8-11am and 2pm-4pm
Sat-Sun 8am-2pm
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from the city
- 📞 +6276133466

Pasar Bawah

Rebuilt after a fire, Pekanbaru's oldest market is known as a favourite haunt among tourists for its wide range of products, retaining a huge following despite the presence of large shopping malls.

- 🕒 Daily, morning to evening
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎️ Riau Culture and Tourism Office
+6276140356
www.budpar.riau.go.id

Fans Suggest The market's specialty is dried fish and durian snacks. Have a try, won't you?

Dekranasda Riau

All the Pekanbaru *oleh oleh* (souvenirs) shopping in one convenient location, including batik and songket, accessories and crafts.

- 🕒 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm,
Sat 9am-4pm, Closed Sun
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎️ +6276120111

Mall SKAAll

Mall SKAAll the modern conveniences you need are under one roof as it's one of the newest and most popular shopping centres in Pekanbaru. The free Wi-Fi is of course a plus.

- 🕒 Daily, morning to evening
- 🚗 Taxi or public transport - 10 mins from city
- ☎️ +62761864000
CS_SKA@citracitipacific.com

Pasar Pusat

Foodies will get their cheap food fix here, while shoppers can pick up household goods.

- 🕒 Daily, morning to evening
- 🚗 Taxi or public transport - 5 mins from city
- ☎️ Riau Culture and Tourism Office
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www.budpar.riau.go.id



BUY



Pasar Bawah has household items, clothing, second-hand goods and antiques © Disparida Riau

Mall Ciputra Seraya

MCS is best known for its cineplex and entertainment options. National and international brands are among its retailers, alongside a supermarket and department store.

- 🕒 Daily, morning to evening
- 🚗 Taxi or public transport - 10 mins from city
- ☎️ +62761868888



EAT

Bolu Kemojo is available in different flavours © Toni Fatoni

Baung Asam Pedas

Seafood is common in Pekanbaru and Asam Pedas is perhaps the most famous dish. The fish is cooked in a spicy-sour chili and tamarind sauce, sometimes served with vegetables. It's curry with a kick!

Roti Riau

Roti Riau is bread toasted to a crisp and is widely available in Pekanbaru.

Nasi Bakar

Rice cooked with clover and cassava leaves and wrapped in banana leaf, and best enjoyed with char-grilled chicken barbecued in a sweet *kecap* sauce.

Durian

Sold at street stalls along Jalan Sudirman all year round, this remarkable and divisive fruit is a cheap treat that requires an acquired taste! Dare you?

Bolu Kemojo

A Riau snack typically served during celebrations, this sweet and sticky bolu kemojo is an easy hit with the whole family. Flavoured with pandan and coconut milk, the cake has a distinctive flower shape.



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BALI

The exotic charm of the Island of the Gods, enshrouded in mystical folklore, is known as Paradise on Earth. With its abundance of shrines and temples, endless shopping outlets and heavenly beaches, you must know that there's plenty more surprises to be uncovered!

Did you know?

- Eighty percent of its population are Hindu.
- During the 'Day of Silence' (Nyepi) in March, all shops are closed, streets are empty and lights are dimmed.

HOW TO GET TO BALI

From	Frequency	Fare From
Kuala Lumpur	5x Daily	Rp 509.000
Singapore	4x Daily	Rp 319.000
Perth	3x Daily	Rp 594.000
Bangkok	Daily	Rp 729.000
Phuket	Daily	Rp 499.000
Jakarta	7x Daily	Rp 199.000
Bandung	2x Daily	Rp 279.000
Surabaya	Daily	Rp 159.000

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The breathtaking Lake Batur at Kintamani

Kuta Beach

All your 'beachy' pleasures are found in the form of hair braiding, quick massages, surfing lessons and lots of eye candy!

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 On foot - 5 mins from city
- 📞 Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Smart Tip Always negotiate for a better price, as the masseurs can really 'take you for a ride'.

Kintamani

Climb the active lava-laden Mount Batur, cycle along the mountain trail or just breathe in the crisp cool air. Everything in Kintamani spells exciting!

- 🕒 Morning to evening

- 💰 Rp 10.000 per person
- 🚗 Taxi - 1.5 hrs from city
- 📞 Yayasan Bintang Danu
+6236651730

Fans Suggest Visit the mysterious Trunyan Village where the Bali Aga people practice open burial under the fragrant Taru Menyan trees.

Serangan Island Turtle Conservation Centre

Backed by UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme), it's a fun trip with the family to watch cute hatchlings and to learn more about the graceful turtles.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-5pm
- 💰 Free. Donations are welcomed
- 🚗 Taxi - 30mins from city
- 📞 +628123828010
ioseaturtles.org/pom_detail.php?id=45

Mount Agung

Locals consider this 3,142 metre high mountain sacred, so tread with extra care when climbing and trekking, or even during other activities such as rowing in the lake or playing water sports.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Free. Guide fees range from Rp 400.000 to Rp 1.000.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city
- 📞 Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Fun Fact! The Mother Temple of Bali (Besakih) is located at the foot of the mountain.

Smart Tip Climbing is best from April to October.

BOOK NOW



Air Banjar Hot Springs

It's lesser known, yet full of healing properties and surrounded by pure serenity.

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-6pm
- 💰 Rp 3.000 per person
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Fans Suggest Forgot to bring your towel? Buy one from one of the vendors just outside the entrance.

Surfing

Almost every beach in Bali such as Dreamland, Echo Beach, Padang-Padang, Uluwatu, Medewi and loads more is a surfer's paradise!

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - Depending on beach location
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Smart Tip The best time to surf is between June and September.



Spas and Massages

Bali is the ideal place to unwind, relax and discover your inner serenity. Breathe in, relax and indulge at the many spas and massage parlours strewn all over Bali.

- 🕒 Morning to night
- 💰 Depending on package
- 🚗 Taxi or on foot
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Smart Tip If you want a proper massage, try to avoid those at the beach. Legit spas are still really cheap and worth every Rupiah splurged.



Dolphin Sighting Trip

Jumping dolphins, literally! Lovina beach is the best place to observe these amazing sea creatures up close!

- 🕒 At the crack of dawn
- 💰 Rp 60.000 per boat
- 🚗 Taxi - 3 hrs from city to Lovina Beach. Depending on tour operator, boats may leave at different times from Lovina Beach
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Fans Suggest Consider an overnight stay as there is higher probability of spotting the dolphins really early in the morning.

RECOMMENDED STAYS From Rp 300.000

- Nathan Hotel ★★★★★
- Pan Pacific Nirwana Bali Resort ★★★★★
- Best Western Kuta Beach ★★★★★
- Holiday Inn Resort Baruna Bali ★★★★★
- Hard Rock Bali ★★★★★
- Bali Palms Resort ★★★★★
- Umalas Hotel and Residence ★★★★★
- The Haven Seminyak Bali ★★★★★
- Ramayana Resort and SPA ★★★★★
- Rama Beach Resort and Villas ★★★★★



Melasti prayer procession at Tanah Lot Temple © Budi Darmawan

Tanah Lot

Travel to see the spectacular temple on top of a lone cliff, surrounded by the vast blue ocean, standing dramatically on the coast of West Bali.

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-7pm
- 💰 Non-Indonesian :
Rp 30.000 - Adult
Rp 15.000 - Children Indonesian
Rp 10.000 - Adult
Rp 7.500 - Children
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- ☎️ +62361880361
tanahlot.net

Fun Fact! Check out the holy snake cave and catch the beautiful sunset at the terrace!

Fans Suggests Don't forget to visit the nearby temples of Batu Bolong, Batumejan and Enjung Galuh.

Uluwatu

Imagine yourself perched atop a 95m high cliff, exploring the cliff-side temple and experiencing the spiritual Kecak Dance!

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-6pm
- 💰 Rp 20.000 per person
Rp 70.000 per person - Kecak Dance 6pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 40 mins from city
- ☎️ Bali Tourism Board
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tourism.baliprov.go.id

Fun Fact! There's a cave below the cliffs just in case you get the spelunking bug.

Ulun Danu Temple

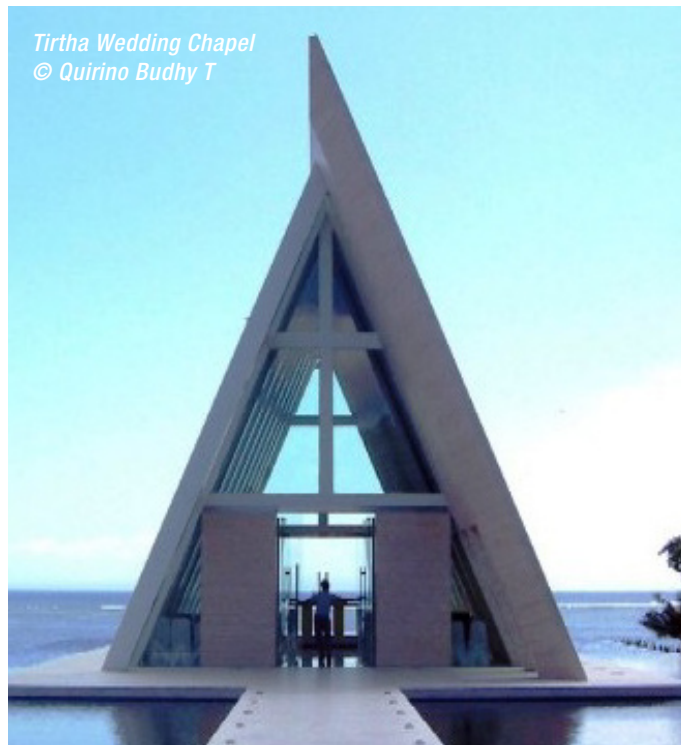
Floating surreally on Lake Bratan's tranquil surface is a magnificent temple from the 17th century.

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-5pm
- 💰 Rp 3.000 per person
Rp 5.000 Car
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- ☎️ Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Smart Tip Bring a jacket as it can get a little chilly at times.



Ulun Danu Temple is a surreal sight to behold
© Lee Khoon Hai



Tirtha Wedding Chapel
© Quirino Budhy T

Tirtha Wedding Chapel

What's unique about this chapel? It's all made of steel and glass, looking like a futuristic structure against the stunning backdrop of Uluwatu.

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-6pm
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 40 mins from city
- ☎ +623618471151
tirthabali.com

Fun Fact! The area is complete with dining areas, swimming pool and guest lounge - everything a wedding reception needs!

Sunset at Jimbaran

After a full day of touring and shopping, it's nice to just sit back, have a yummy BBQ seafood dinner on the beach while watching the sunset on the horizon.

- 🕒 Daily, evening - night
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
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Smart Tip Shop around first before settling for your restaurant of choice, which ranges from cheaper casual dining to pricier classy eateries.



© Irvin Hanni

Taman Wedhi Budaya Cultural Centre

Get an overall feel of the artistic side of Bali at this centre where art is displayed, taught and exhibited.

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-3.30pm
- 💰 Rp 3.000 per person
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Fun Fact! The place comes alive from mid-June to mid-July annually for the Bali Arts Festival.

Museum Pasifika

Eleven astounding rooms of mind blowing art collections of all types - it's no wonder travellers and art lovers from all nook and corners of the world pay this Largest Museum in Asia a special visit.

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-6pm
- 💰 Rp 70.000 - Adults,
Free - Children (under 10 years)
- 🚗 Taxi - 25 mins from city
- ☎ +62361774935



Sunset dinner at Jimbaran is a must for the full Bali tourist experience!
© Tan Poh Siang



Mouth watering street food is everywhere! © Haze Jalalludin



Juicy chunks of babi guling served with crispy piggy skin and fiery sambal! Yum!



A must eat in Bali: Ayam/Bebek Betutu © suppisoup



Out of the tank and into the grill!
© Haze Jalalludin

Sate Lilit

It's so delicious, right until the juicy sugarcane sticks it's moulded on! Minced fish mixed with coconut milk and flavourful spices, grilled to perfection to be your ultimate snack.

Nasi Pecel

Simple steamed white rice with boiled vegetables, fried tofu and a special thick peanut sauce. The taste is completely the opposite, giving you satisfaction with every bite!

Ayam/Bebek Betutu

Super yummy-licious stuffed roasted chicken or duck with loads of herbs and spices. You'll never stop chomping on the succulent flesh or crispy skin roasted to perfection.

Grilled Seafood

Bali's supply of succulent, fresh seafood is endless and the best way to have it is by the beach at Jimbaran where choices are aplenty!

Babi Guling

Suckling pig has never tasted this good as it is marinated with heavenly spices and roasted slowly over a charcoal pit. A must-try in Bali!



Handicrafts sold at markets © Chin Kim Fah



Lovely beaded accessories along Jalan Legian © Haze Jalalludin



Shop and chill at Discovery Mall © Bambang W

Discovery Mall

Your ultimate suburban retail destination is here at Bali's trendiest mall, housing international brands that you can shop till you drop.

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-11pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎ +62361755522
discoveryshoppingmall.com

DFS Galleria Bali

With duty-free savings on luxury brands, it is definitely worth a hefty splurge (or two!) here.

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-10pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎ +62361761945
dfsgalleria.com

Smart Tip It's best to check at the entrance if you're eligible to purchase duty-free goods.

Sukawati Art Market

Local artworks and handicrafts are available at Bali's most distinguished and long-standing traditional market.

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-7pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Smart Tip Bargaining skills are highly sought after and required when you're searching for great deals.

Bedugul Traditional Market

The scents from highland garden of Bali's produces and mixed spices are just too good to ignore! Get the freshest in Bali at this traditional market!

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-6pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 2 hrs from city
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
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tourism.baliprov.go.id

Fun Fact! The mixed spices are usually pre-packed and they make perfect souvenirs.

Jalan Legian

Everything from works of art to popular surfing brands is amalgamated on the entire street.

- 🕒 All day
- 🚗 On foot - 5 mins from city
- ☎ Bali Tourism Board
+62361235600
tourism.baliprov.go.id

Smart Tip There are some shops selling bootleg surf brands so make sure you head to legit shops.



The colourful prayer procession

3 DAYS OF MYSTICAL BALI



Morning

A morning adventure!

Stuff yourself with a delicious local breakfast and head for an outdoor-sy day out!

- Kintamani
- Bali Aga Village

Afternoon

Artistic moments, food and... shopping!

Swing by the artsy town of Ubud where souvenir shopping, suckling pig and local crafts go hand in hand.

- Sukawati Art Market
- Ibu Oka Babi Guling
- Bali Bird Park
- Goa Gajah
- Ubud Town

Evening

The temple in the sea

Enjoy snapping away your newly bought DSLR while watching a breathtaking sunset!

- Tanah Lot Temple



Morning

Breakfast of champions!

Creamy coconut rice with a gamut of condiments is a must-try!

- Nasi Uduk at Kuta Galleria

Floating ruins and fun at the lake

Have fun exploring the floating temple on the lake while joyriding on a boat.

- Ulun Danu Temple at Lake Bratan

Afternoon

Berry good time

Strawberry picking - why not? Sample some yummy strawberry-infused food too!

- Bali Strawberry Farm and Rest Area

Evening

Neptune's gifts

Romantic dinner by the beach!

- Grilled seafood at Jimbaran



Morning

Jumping Dolphins!

The friendly mammals of the sea greeting you in the morning is a memory to be cherished.

- Dolphin watching at Lovina

Afternoon

Last-minute shopping

Get local crafts, traditional outfits or weave in and out of branded surf shops!

- Jalan Legian
- Seminyak
- Kuta

Evening

Pure indulgence

Unwind those tired muscles with a sinfully decadent massage.

- Spas and massage parlours scattered everywhere in Bali.



Chill out at the paddy terrace
© Nadia Zamri

LOMBOK

Neighbouring the ubiquitous island of Bali, Lombok is actually the preferred alternative if the scene next door gets too overwhelming.

Did you know?

- The local indigenous religion is called 'Wektu Telu'.
- Its native tribe are the Sasak people.

A romantic sunset at Senggigi Beach

Tanjung A'an

Cowabunga! It is surf's up with its clear rocking waves, or take a break as you bask in the sunshine on the pepper-shaped sandy beach after.

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎ Indonesia Tourism Board
+6221383 8303
indonesia.travel

Mount Rinjani National Park

Live life on the edge as you traipse along the crater of an active volcano at 3,726 metres above sea level. What a thrill!

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Rp 150.000. Other fees depend on packages taken
- 🚗 Taxi - 40 mins from city
- ☎ +623706608874
rinjaninationalpark.com

Smart Tip Since it is an active volcano, it is recommended that you call first to check on the situation.

Gili Islands

Made up of Gili Trawangan (the largest and where the party's at), Gili Air (for a dose of local culture) and Gili Meno (the most laidback).

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 From Rp 50.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city to Bangsal jetty
Then take a 15/30/45 min boat ride to Gili Air/Meno/Trawangan
- ☎ Indonesia Tourism Board
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Senggigi Beach

There's lots to do at Senggigi Beach, as you head for tantalizing local cuisines, amazing spots on the boulevard and even enjoy the gorgeous sun going down.



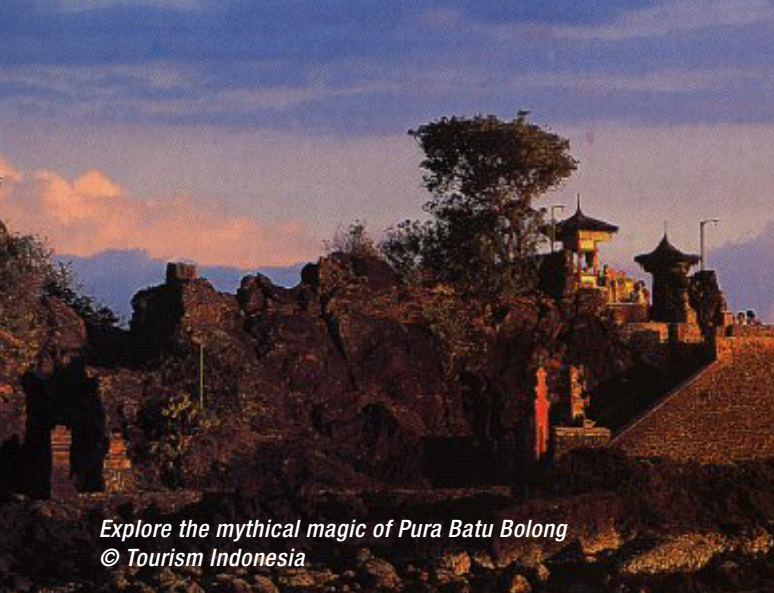
- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city
- ☎ Indonesia Tourism Board
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Kuta Beach

Similar with its Bali namesake when it comes to surfing swells, this beach has powder white sands, crystal clear waters and much lesser crowds.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- ☎ Indonesia Tourism Board
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Explore the mythical magic of Pura Batu Bolong
© Tourism Indonesia



The quaint Sasak Village where ikat cloths are weaved by the local women © Tourism Indonesia

Sukarara Weaving Village

Beautiful ikat cloth is meticulously weaved right before your eyes as the Sasak women work their craft with the looms.

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-5pm
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 25 mins from city
- ☎️ Indonesia Tourism Board
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Fun Fact! It's compulsory for all Sasak girls to learn the craft before they get married.

Smart Tip When buying the gorgeous fabrics from the showroom, be sure to bargain for a better price.

Pura Batu Bolong

The magnificent temple clings to a rocky promontory forming a hole under the temple, set against a panoramic backdrop of the Lombok Straits.

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-7pm
- 💰 Free. Donations are welcomed
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city
- ☎️ Indonesia Tourism Board
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Fun Fact! The temple comes alive with vibrant colours and bustling devotees during full moons.

Pura Lingsar Temple

A unique temple complex with both Balinese Hinduism and Wektu Telu religions combined, with mind-blowing architecture to boot!

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-6pm
- 💰 Free. Donations are welcomed
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- ☎️ Indonesia Tourism Board
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Fun Fact! There's a pond where 'holy eels' call home and you can feed them with boiled eggs!

Mayura Water Palace

Feel revered as you step onto the seemingly floating structure perched upon a beautiful artificial lake.

- 🕒 Daily, 7am-7.30pm
- 💰 Rp 1.000 per person
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city
- ☎️ Indonesia Tourism Board
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Smart Tip Dress appropriately when you're on royal grounds. It's also a perfect location for an afternoon/evening picnic.

Museum Negeri Nusa Tenggara Barat

Unleash your inner 'Indy Jones' as you explore displays on geology, history and culture of Lombok.

- 🕒 Tue-Thur and Sat-Sun, 8am-2pm
Fri-8am-11pm
- 💰 Rp 1.500 - Adult
Rp 750 - Child
- 🚗 Taxi - 5 mins from city
- ☎️ +62370632519

Gili Meno Bird Park

Fly away with the many rare and exotic habitants of this colourful bird park, with over 300 species of birds including parakeets, eagles, pheasants and many more!

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-5pm
- 💰 Rp 50.000 per person
- 🚗 Taxi - 45 mins from city to Bangsal jetty. Then by boat to Gili Meno Island - 25 mins
- ☎️ +62370642321




Smart Tip Since it's within a resort, it's a good idea to stay a night and have some great family time.



Souvenirs and crafts everywhere!



Lombok Putri Cenderamata

As 'cenderamata' translated as souvenirs, it's no surprise you can find a huge assortment of lovely earthenware handcrafted by local women as delightful souvenirs!

-  Daily, 10am-6pm
-  Taxi - 20 mins from city
-  +62370640350/51/52




Asmara Collection

Crave a little excitement in your home furniture? Check out the array of bold tribal art and furniture that's unique to Lombok as the Asmara Collection.

-  Daily, 9am-6pm
-  Taxi - 15 mins from city

Sayang-Sayang Art Market




A wonderful art market if you're seeking for that perfect centrepiece for your home or a lovely souvenir for your loved ones! Get lost happily inside as you stroll the maze of artwork!

-  Daily, 8am-5pm
-  Taxi - 30 mins from city
-  Indonesia Tourism Board
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Smart Tip Make your trip and purchases more worthwhile when you fight (not literally) for a bargain with the vendors there.

Lombok Handicraft Centre

Handicrafts not-to-miss in Lombok would be the traditional wooden face masks, as well as the luxurious Lombok pearls, harvested from the neighbouring Indian Ocean and sold at bargain prices.

-  Daily, 10am-10pm
-  Taxi - 20 mins from city
-  +62370631271





Sate Ikan Tanjung

Ayam Taliwang

Heavenly spicy roasted chicken, normally served with a plate of steaming white rice. The appetizing spices alone will have you craving for this every day of your trip!

Sate Ikan Tanjung

Fresh fish like snapper or tuna will have its flesh removed, minced and mixed with coconut milk, lemongrass, garlic, chilli pepper and other spices, and grilled to yummy perfection on a stick.

Ares

Who knew that young banana stems can make you feel happy with every single bite! Slowly cooked at a long, tedious process makes it an even more satisfying meal.

Peleceng Kangkung

Simple blanched water spinach served with a delicious (and sometimes fiery) peanut and dried shrimp sauce. Scrumptious beyond words!

Tahu Isi

This is the perfect snack! Tofu stuffed with shredded carrot, cabbage, bean sprouts and chilli, dipped in batter and deep-fried to the right level of crunchy crispiness.



Ayam Taliwang © Phebe Wibisana



Tahu Isi © Ari Vanuaranu

3 DAYS OF SURPRISING LOMBOK & GILI

Have fun exploring the mountains and the great outdoors



Morning

On the Gili trail

Put your island holiday hat on, go forth and explore!

- Gili Trawangan
- Gili Air
- Gili Meno

Evening

Party on water!

After a swim, snorkel and an amazing sunset dinner cruise, party on board till morning!

- South Sea Nomads at Gili Trawangan



Beach, beach and more beaches!
What a paradise!



Morning

Local soupy goodness

Fuel up for another exciting day before heading back to Lombok.

- Bakso at warungs (stalls)

Holy molten lava!

Explore the active volcano and trek the lush forest.

- Mount Rinjani National Park

Evening

A spiritual sunset

Head to the temple ruin at the foot of Mount Rinjani and watch the sunset.

- Sunset at Pura Batu Bolong

Comfort food

A spicy local delicacy is just the thing to end an awesome day!

- Ayam Taliwang at restaurants



Morning

Shopping anyone?

Time to get cracking on your souvenir and gift shopping spree at these amazing outlets!

- Sayang-Sayang Art Market
- Lombok Putri Cenderamata
- Lombok Handicraft Centre
- Asmara Collection
- Mataram Mall
- Royal Surf

Afternoon

Dude, let's hit the waves!

Surfing lesson is a must-do since it's less crowded and the beach is pristine.

- Kuta Beach
- Tanjung A'an
- Senggigi Beach

Evening

Time for a BBQ

Fresh seafood barbequed just right with the flesh still succulent and juicy!

- Senggigi Beach



FABULOUS TRAILS

NEARBY LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS

SUMBAWA

Capital

Sumbawa Besar

Port

Poto Tano

DO and SEE

Surfing at Sekongkang, Benete and Maluku; Mount Tambora, Diving at Moyo National Marine Park.

EAT

Grilled Fish, Ayam Taliwang (roasted spicy chicken).

BUY

Handicrafts, Dried Seafood at Maluku.

Fly with AirAsia to : Bali. Then, by land and ferry (7 hrs) or plane charter (20 mins to Bima town).

FLORES

Capital/Port

Ende

Port to Komodo Island

Labuan Bajo

DO and SEE

Komodo National Park, Three-Coloured Lakes at Mount Kelimutu, Ethnic Tribes at Bajawa and Ruteng Villages, Diving at Maumere and Selaya Island.

EAT

Lawar (raw seafood salad) and Wengu (rice or corn paste).

BUY

Ikat (woven) cloth at Bajawa and Ruteng.

Fly with AirAsia to : Bali. Then, by land and cruise tour (2 days with stopover in Lombok) or plane charter (1 hr 35 mins to Labuan Bajo).

ALOR

Capital/Port

Kalabahi

DO and SEE

World-class diving and fishing along the coast, 1000 Moko Museum, Ikat Weaving Museum, Kepa Island Beach.

EAT

Kenari (canary beans) and Jagung Titi (crushed corn flakes).

BUY

Kue Rambut (traditional cookies) at Kalabahi markets.

Fly with AirAsia to : Bali. Then, by plane charter (2.5 hrs to Kalabahi via Kupang).

WEST TIMOR

Capital/Port

Kupang

DO and SEE

Mount Mutis, Taolin Palace, Palace of Sanak Village, Church of Eben, Bitau Cave, St. Antonius Padua Church, Niki Niki Traditional Village.

EAT

Seafood and Jagung Bose (savory corn porridge).

BUY

Insana woven cloth at villages.

Fly with AirAsia to : Bali. Then, plane charter (1 hr 45mins to Kupang).

SUMBA

Capital/Port

Waingapu

DO and SEE

Tarimbang Beach, Megalithic Tombs, Traditional Sumba Villages, Pasola Festival (Feb-Mar), Surfing at Dasang, Kerewe and Marosi Beach.

EAT

Spicy Grilled Fish.

BUY

Ikat cloth at villages.

Fly with AirAsia to : Bali. Then, plane charter (55mins to Tambolaka).

SULAWESI

Talaud
Island

Sangihe
Island

Manado

Togian
Island

Banggai
Island

Peleng
Island

Kendari

Buton Island

Selayar Island



Makassar

MAKASSAR



DO

Makassar is sunshine heaven on earth, with an abundance of surfing, diving and beach-bound activities set against a splendid backdrop of turquoise blue inviting waters!

Did you know?

- It is the largest city on Indonesia's Sulawesi Island.
- The most dominant languages used here are Makassar and Bugis.

HOW TO GET TO MAKASSAR

From	Frequency	Fare From
Kuala Lumpur	4x Weekly	Rp 379.000

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Sunset glow over Losari Beach turns the city skyline a beautiful golden hue!

Samalona Island

Sitting just west of Losari Beach, it is a recreational resort with much snorkelling to be done!

🕒 All day

💰 Free

🚤 Speedboat - 45 mins from Losari Beach Jetty

📞 Makassar City Culture and Tourism Office
+62411449718
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Fun Fact! You can watch the sunrise and sunset at the exact same spot! How cool is that?

Bantimurung Bulusaraung National Park

Have an adventure going on cave explorations, trekking, and even tubing down the river!

🕒 Daily, 8am-6pm

💰 Rp 5.000 - Adult
Rp 3.500 - Child

🚖 Taxi - 1 hr from city centre

📞 Makassar City Culture and Tourism Office
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Fun Fact! Many types of exotic wildlife can be found here such as flying foxes, and rare colourful butterflies.

Losari Beach

A fun-filled beach located over the Makassar coastline where you can just chill and relax as you watch the locals while catching the beautiful Java Sea sunset.

🕒 All day

💰 Free

🚖 Taxi - 15 mins from city centre

📞 Makassar City Culture and Tourism Office
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Smart tip Prepare small change as there are a lot of music buskers and street food carts along the pavement.

Takabonerate Islands

A spectrum of truly incredible marine and coral life makes this a must-visit for hardcore diving and snorkelling fans.

🕒 All day

💰 Free

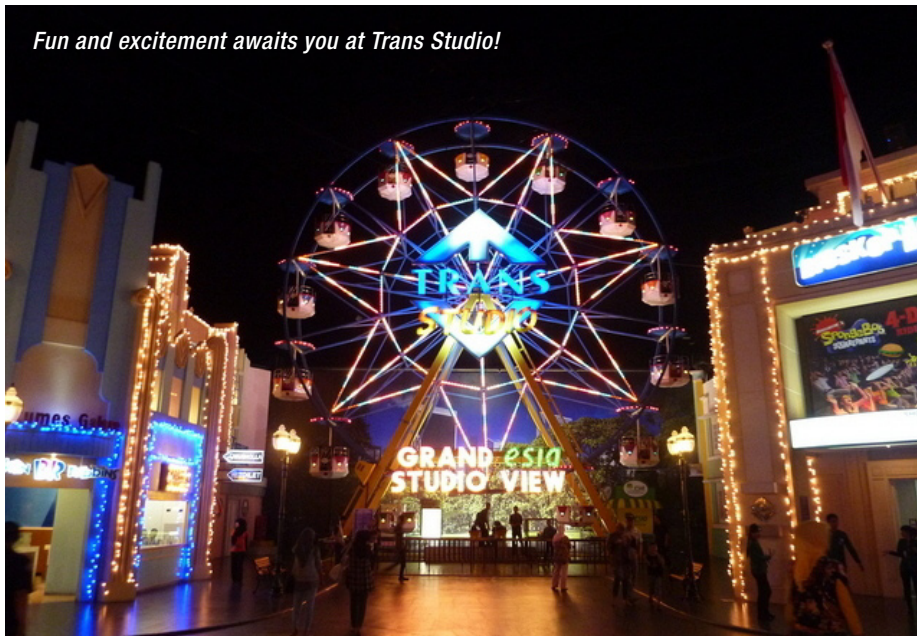
🚌 Bus from Ujung Pandang - 5 hrs to Bulukumba jetty
boat - 2 hrs to Selayar Island
bus - 1.5 hrs to Benteng
boat - 5 hrs to Takabonerate

📞 South Sulawesi Tourism Office
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celebes-tourism.com

Fun Fact! It is the third largest atoll in the world! No wonder it's so popular amongst visitors and locals alike!

BOOK NOW

Fun and excitement awaits you at Trans Studio!



Trans Studio Theme Park

A major theme park with over 21 attractions such as the Flying Bicycle, Magic Thunder Coaster, Bioskop 4D Theatre, Safari Track and more!

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-10pm
- 💰 Mon-Fri Rp 100.000
Sat-Sun and holidays Rp 150.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city centre
- 📞 transstudioworld.com

Smart Tip Plan your time here wisely to make sure you don't miss out on any of the fun attractions!

Bliss and tranquillity at Samalona Island



Raja Ampat Islands

Home to more than 540 types of corals and more than 1,000 types of fishes, this archipelago boasts one of the most diverse living libraries of underwater sea life!

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Rp 500.000 - Non-Indonesian,
Rp 250.000 - Indonesian (valid for one year)
- 🚗 Fly - 2.5 hrs to Sorong, then Speedboat - 1 hr to the islands
- 📞 Raja Ampat Culture and Tourism Office
gorajaampat.com

Fort Rotterdam

Built as a Dutch fort in 1667, the complex houses a large array of cultural artefacts from South Sulawesi.

- 🕒 Tue-Sat , 8am-6pm
Sun 8am-12.30pm, Closed Mon
- 💰 Rp 10.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city centre
- 📞 Makassar City Culture and Tourism Office
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tourism-makassar.com

Fun Fact! It was originally named Ujung Pandang after the screw pine Pandanus palm which grew in the region.

Tana Toraja

This living museum displays the Toraja tribe's everyday life and traditions! The true must-sees here are the bizarre yet fascinating burial grounds.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi or bus - 8 hrs from city centre
- 📞 South Sulawesi Tourism Office
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Fun Fact! The Toraja tribe is known for their unique burial system where the body is kept for years until enough money is raised to a 'celebratory funeral party'!



At the Tana Toraja Lemo burial site, the dead are placed in tombs that are dug out from the cliff

Paotere Harbour is filled with vibrancy and life that is the pulse of Makassar!



Monumen Mandala

A tribute to commemorate the struggle that the Makassar folks persevered in order to liberate Irian Jaya (now known as Papua) many years ago!

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city centre
- 📞 Makassar City Culture and Tourism Office
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Paotere Harbour

See the antics of locals carrying fresh catch from the sea and the vibrant array of traditional wooden ships at the liveliest and most colourful harbour in Makassar.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Rp 500
- 🚗 Taxi - 25 mins from city centre
- 📞 Makassar City Culture and Tourism Office
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Makam Pangeran Diponegoro

This monument cum tomb serves as a reminder of Prince Diponegoro's bravery during the Java War.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city centre
- 📞 Makassar City Culture and Tourism Office
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Fun Fact! Born in 1785, Prince Diponegoro was the eldest son of Sultan Hamengkubowono III of Yogyakarta and played an important role in the rebellion against the Dutch colonisation.

Standing tall amidst the cityscape is the Monumen Mandala.



A fusion of European and Indonesia architecture at Fort Rotterdam.



Makassar Trade Centre

The largest IT store in Makassar, you can purchase handphones, electronics devices, computers and much more. Check out the local specialty shops, designer brands and restaurants as well!

🕒 Daily, 10am-10pm

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

☎ +62411326796

Jalan Somba Opu

A vibrant shopping strip with all kinds of knick-knacks such as local-made jewellerys, antiques, crafts, silk and souvenir items that you can bring back as delightful souvenirs!

🕒 All day

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city centre

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Mall Ratu Indah

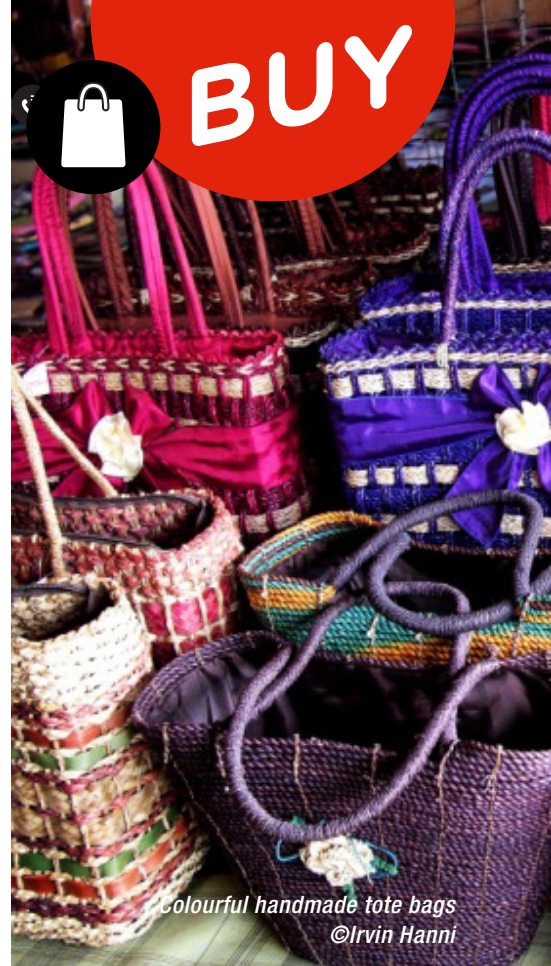
Avid retail shoppers, you'll definitely be drawn to the 2nd largest mall in Makassar, with its variety of international and local tenants under one roof - there's something for everyone!

🕒 10am-10pm

💰 Free

🚗 Taxi - 15 mins from city centre

☎ +62411856939



Colourful handmade tote bags
©Irvin Hanni



Mie Titi is a local favourite that also appeals to tourists



Pisang Epe is absolutely tantalizing in every bite!

Pisang Epe

Heavenly grilled banana topped with perfectly melted brown sugar, great as a snack or a heavenly dessert.

Mie Titi

A popular traditional food for locals, it is dried noodle served with thick gravy and sliced chicken, shrimp, mushrooms, liver and squid. Eat like a local with this dish!

Konro

This is a spicy and strong flavoured broth made from various herbs with beef ribs as the main ingredient, to be eaten with rice cakes.

Coto Makassar

It is thick, it is spicy, and it is tantalising! This stew of beef and innards, nuts and spices is best eaten with rice cakes for a delicious treat!

Es Pisang Ijo

A sinful fusion of banana, rice flour, syrup and crushed ice that is sweet and refreshing with every bite.



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REMOTE ADVENTURES

NEARBY SULAWESI ISLANDS

SELAYAR

Capital/Port
Benteng

DO and SEE

Taka Bonerate National Park, Turtle laying and hatching, Baloyya Beach, Padang Village

EAT

Carrot Noodles, Grilled Seafood.

BUY

Melinjo and Kenari nuts at Benteng Market.

Fly with AirAsia to : Makassar. Then, by land and ferry (9 hrs to Benteng), or plane charter (45 mins)

WAKATOBI

Capital
Wangi-wangi

Port

Mola

DO and SEE

Wakatobi National Park, Coral Reef Triangle, Sailing, Diving.

EAT

Kasoami (cassava cake with grilled fish), Seafood

BUY

Cashew nut chips.

Fly with AirAsia to : Makassar. Then, by land and ferry (10 hrs to Wakatobi).

BUTON

Capital
Bau-Bau

Port

Murhum

DO and SEE

Buton Castle, Diving, Fishing, Lakeba Beach

EAT

Seafood, Sinonggi (savoury porridge) and Onde-Onde (stuffed glutinous rice balls).

BUY

Dried Seafood at Bau Bau town.

Fly with AirAsia to : Makassar. Then, by land and ferry (13 hrs to Murhum).



TOGIAN

Capital/Port
Bomba

DO and SEE

Togian National Park, Fishing, Diving, Snorkelling, Malenge Island Forest Reserve, Colo Volcano, Kadidiri Tribe Village.

EAT

Lobster, Coconut Crab.

BUY

N/A.

Fly with AirAsia to : Makassar. Then, by land and ferry (1 day to Bomba via Ampana town).

SANGIHE TALAUD

Capital/Port
Tahuna

DO and SEE

Mount Awu, Bird Watching, Diving, Snorkelling, King's Palace, Nutmeg plantation.

EAT

Mi Che (stir-fried noodles with fried egg), Pork Satay.

BUY

Cloves at Orchards in Talaud.

Fly with AirAsia to : Makassar. Then, by land and ferry (1 day to Tahuna via Manado).

SPECIAL FEATURE III GREAT GREEN GETAWAYS



Break away from the heat of city life and immerse yourself in Indonesia's great green getaways. By Irvin Hanni

Serene Flora and Fauna of Sumatra

Escape into a retreat deep in the rainforests of Sumatra, well known not only as one of the oldest in the world, but also as one of the richest in biodiversity.

Stay at one of the lodges or camp under the moonlight and natural canopy. Have fun exploring around-jungle trekking, caving, canopy walks, or simply kick back and relax as the sounds of nature puts you into a slumber.

Whatever your activity is, you can be sure that absolute tranquillity is what you'll get here. Just turn off your BlackBerry, close your eyes and let the forest lead you to wondrous lands and amazing experiences.

You can also go to Tana Toraja in Sulawesi

Biking adventure in Bandung

Beyond the usual tourist trail of shopping and gastronomy, the hilly city of Bandung actually offers much to explore for the natural trailblazers. Biking here is quite a delight, with a bevy of attractive sights along the way.

From the top of the Tangkuban Perahu Mountain where you can find a live crater and hot springs, to the breathtaking sights of lush green tea plantations and strawberry farms along the way where you can take a break and pick your own fresh strawberries, biking has never been this fun!

Don't forget to check out the hillside local restaurants where you can enjoy delicious Sundanese meal surrounded by lovely fragrance of beautiful roses, moon orchids, and Casablanca lilies against a backdrop of towering mountains heights.

The trail is not rough so you don't need to have Lance Armstrong skills to navigate your bike around. All you need is a sense of adventure and an appreciation for nature.

You can also go to Kintamani in Bali



Yoga retreat in the heart of Bali

World-famous paradise of Bali hosts a relaxing retreat beyond the beaches and parties if you are prepared to explore further. Just one and a half hours away from the town centre of Denpasar is Ubud, the art and cultural centre of Bali.

Where better to practice your balances, twists and bends than amidst the serene setting of terraced rice paddies, mountain villages and the sweet sound of birds chirping in harmony with nature? The best part about this is you can top up your relaxing yoga session and indulge in a session of Ayurvedic therapeutic massage. Bliss!

You can also go to Losari Spa & Coffee Plantation in Semarang

Golfing galore at Yogyakarta

No longer is a game just for distinguished old gentlemen, golfing is fast becoming popular with the younger generation who are learning to appreciate the art of it. Among the best places to golf in Indonesia is the Java region, where the mountainous and green geography provides the perfect backdrop for golfing.

Come to Yogyakarta and experience the world-famous Mount Merapi Golf which sits on the foothills of Mount Merapi. This 18-hole course boasts a spectacular view and a perfect uphill climate.

This relaxing sport was invented to unwind the mind, flow the stressful energy out and let the senses enjoy what nature has to offer, so putt away!

You can also go to Royale Jakarta Golf Club

Blissful retreat in Lake Toba

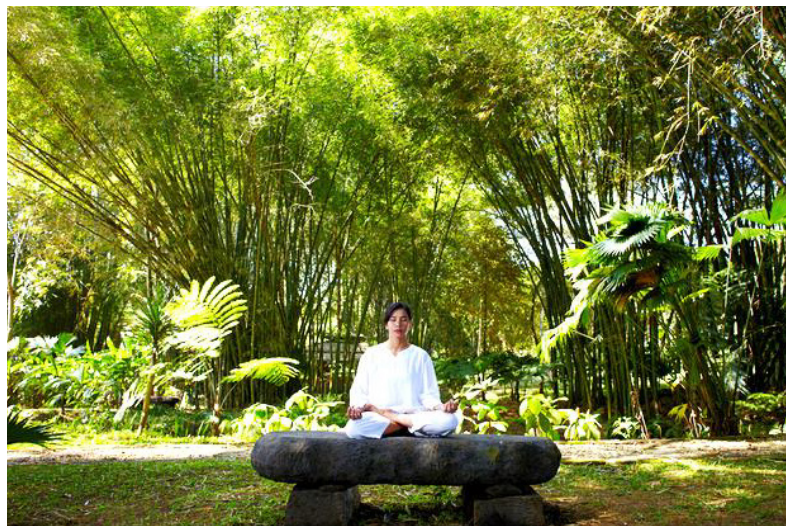
Indonesia has more active volcanoes than anywhere else in the world and as a result of a massive volcanic eruption some 70,000 years ago, came the majestically beautiful Lake Toba, located just one hour away from Medan.

Lake Toba is huge (even bigger than Singapore, imagine that!), with Samosir Island at the heart of it. This quaint island offers a sense of culture and serenity, which is why travellers tend to flock over here. Nestled within is the cultural centre of the Batak tribe.

Tranquillity by the water and a dose of culture is the recipe to refresh your mind and rejuvenate your body, ultimately giving you the balance you yearn for.

You can also go to Mahakam river cruise in Sulawesi

It's time to escape the busy city life and plan your green escapade in Indonesia - away from the desktop glare and screaming bosses - and into the inviting lush green serenity. Doesn't that sound tempting?



CONTACTS

Sumatra Jungle Trekking and Rafting

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<http://www.indotravelnet.com/lake-toba-tour-package.htm>

KALIMANTAN



BALIKPAPAN

A seaport city that is not only famous for its timber, mining and petroleum exports but also as the gateway to the beautiful Borneo tropical forest and the indigenous Dayak tribe.

Did you know?

- Balikpapan mostly consists of Javanese and people from Sulawesi due to transmigration.
- The most famous snack in Balikpapan is called amplang - a one-of-a-kind fish cracker.

HOW TO GET TO BALIKPAPAN

From
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3x Weekly

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Bukit Bangkirai

Imagine one of the world's most beautiful virgin conservation forests, home to many wildlife creatures and more than 45 species of wild orchids!

- 🕒 Morning to evening
- 💰 Rp 30.000 - Foreigner
Rp 2.000 - Domestic
- 🚗 Taxi - 90 minutes from city
- 📞 PT. Inhutani I Balikpapan
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Fans Suggest Try out the famous canopy bridge with a 30-metre elevation!

Kemala/Polda Beach

This beach is situated right in the city where locals crowd on the weekends for beach activities and some relaxing family time!

- 🕒 Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm
Sat-Sun and Public Holidays,
10am-11pm
- 💰 Rp 500 per person
Motorcycles - Rp 1.000

Cars - Rp 1.500

- 🚗 Taxi - 20 minutes from city
- 📞 Balikpapan Office of Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism
+6254276111
pariwisata.balikpapan.go.id

Smart Tip There are great food spots along the beach for some quality Indonesian cuisine.

Lamaru Beach

If you're looking to get out of the city and straight into the refreshing clear waters, Lamaru Beach offers a lovely picnic spot for a sweet escape.

- 🕒 Daily
- 🚗 Taxi - 45 mins from city centre
- 📞 Jalan Mulawarman, east of Balikpapan
+625427245671

Smart Tip Get friendly with the bike-boat operators and you may get a discount for a one hour ride on the sea!

Manggar Beach

It's worth every mile travelled with 13,000 square-meters of fine white sand surrounded by lush pine trees.

- 🕒 Daily
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from city centre
- 📞 Balikpapan Office of Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism
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Smart Tip Forget about bringing food from town. Enjoy delicious street food prepared by the Dayak tribes.



Wine and dine at the many cool restaurants around the beach

BOOK NOW

Kampung Baru Floating Village

Unlike other floating villages where folks dwell on boats, this is literally a village ON water.

- 🕒 Daily
- 💰 Taxi - 1 hr from Damai Terminal
- 🚗 Balikpapan Office of Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism
- ☎️ +6254276111
pariwisata.balikpapan.go.id

Smart Tip Dress for comfort and bring your sun block and shades for protection.



Colourful wooden houses decorate the seashores of Balikpapan



Have a splashing good time with your kids with a huge variety of beaches to choose from in Balikpapan!

Orangutan Sanctuary & Eco Lodge

Escape into the green sanctuary where the orangutans roam freely, or stay a night at the eco lodge surrounded by Borneo rainforest.

- 🕒 All day
- 💰 Rp 550.000
- 🚗 Taxi - 1 hr from Balikpapan Airport
- ☎️ Samboja Lodge, Jalan Balikpapan-Handil, Rt.01 km.44 Margomulyo Samboja 75273
+6205427111484
+62081545700375

Fans Suggest Participate in rescue hunts to save the animals from harm's way!

from crocodile skin and the infamous crocodile satay are sold there.

Japanese Monument

A historical sight that marks the Japanese occupation during the battle in 1945.

- 🕒 Daily, morning to afternoon
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- ☎️ Balikpapan Office of Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism
+6254276111
pariwisata.balikpapan.go.id

Smart Tip Bring your swimwear to have a day out at Lamaru beach after your historical visit!

Borneo Crocodile Recreational Park

Be greeted by thousands of crocodiles in this 4 hectare recreation park where you can learn about different species of crocodiles.

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-5pm
- 💰 Rp 5.000 - Adults
Rp 2.000 - Children (below 12 years)
Rp 10.000 - Non-Indonesian
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- ☎️ +62542790568
suryaraya.gerbangkaltim.com

Fun Fact! Unique souvenirs made

Tanjungpura Museum

Military enthusiasts, don't miss the museum's amazing collection of actual WWII relics such as rifles, missiles and cannons.

- 🕒 Daily, 8.30pm-3pm
- 💰 Free, donations accepted
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city
- ☎️ Jalan Letjen Suprpto, Balikpapan Barat
+625427098173



Learn about the many crocodile species as they roam around freely at the Borneo Crocodile Recreational Park

Australia Monument

Balikpapan was the site of the last major Australian ground operation during WWII. This monument was dedicated to the soldiers who were killed in the area.

- 🕒 Daily, morning to afternoon
- 💰 Free
- 🚗 Taxi - 30 mins from city (near Merdeka Field)
- ☎️ Balikpapan Office of Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism
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Smart Tip As the monument is near Kemala Beach, pack extra clothes to have some fun under the sun!

Palm Hills Art & Cultural Centre

Atop a hill stands a restaurant that features a resplendent view of the city, complete with an art centre and a gallery.

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-5pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 20 mins from city
- 📍 Palm Hills City, Jalan Mulawarman Sepinggan
+62542770620
palmhillscity.com

Jalan Jenderal Sudirman

Stroll along the stretch of stalls on this street for extraordinary knick-knacks, second-hand books, toys, clothes and more!

- 🕒 Daily, 9am-11pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📍 Balikpapan Office of Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism
+6254276111

Plaza Balikpapan

Get a dose of 'Metropolitan Life Style' with the best retail in town! Or explore the beach outside!

- 🕒 Daily, 10am-10pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city
- 📍 Jalan Jendral Sudirman No. 1, Klandasan Ilir, Balikpapan
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Kebun Sayur Traditional Market

Gemstone, home-grown products and souvenirs aplenty at this traditional market!

- 🕒 Daily, 8am-6pm
- 🚗 Taxi - 10 mins from city

Soka Crabs

Soft shell crab coated in a batter of flour, egg, sugar, garlic, pepper and salt, deep fried to perfection! This soft, crispy and melt-in-your-mouth dish is a must-try specialty when in Balikpapan.

Opor Kutai

A creamy chicken gravy made of coconut milk with a blend of lemon grass, kaffir lime leaf, shallots, ginger and candleberry. Best served with hot rice and a side of sambal for some spice!

Laksa Kutai

There are noodles and there are noodles. Then, there is the Balikpapan specialty: noodles soaked in thick turmeric broth with a blend of rich herbs and spices, topped with chunks of fish and fried onions!



Pepes Patin

Freshwater catfish richly marinated in a mixture of garlic, turmeric, ginger, chilli and coconut oil, then wrapped in banana leaf and grilled to perfection! Have it with kecap manis and sambal.



Amplang (Fish Crackers)

When in Indonesia, it's always a must to have the favourite national snack! The Balikpapan version is made out of mackerel, cassava, garlic and other spices, dried under the sun and deep fried until golden!

Events



All-year long ceremonials, rituals and festivals in Indonesia

JANUARY

Lomban Festival
Bali

Tabot Festival
Bengkulu, Southwest Sumatra

FEBRUARY

Sekaten Fair
Java

MARCH

Java Jazz Festival
Jakarta

Bali Spirit Festival
Bali

APRIL

Bali Buleleng Festival
Bali

Shadow Puppet Show TMII
Jakarta

MAY

Waisak
Borobudur

JUNE

Bali Arts Festival
Bali

West Java International Surfing Championship
Sukabumi, West Java

Jakarta Fair & Jakarta Great Sale
Jakarta

Solo Batik Carnival
Solo

Malioboro Festival
Yogyakarta.



Bali Arts Festival



Shadow Puppet Show TMII



Waisak

JULY

Dugderan

Semarang

Krakatau Festival

Lampung, South Sumatra

Kemilau Sumatera

Palembang



Bali Spirit Festival

AUGUST

Independence Day

Nationwide

Tumpek Wayang

Bali

Pangandaran International Kite Festival

Ciamis, West Java

OCTOBER

Ubud Writers & Readers Festival

Bali

Festival Fort Rotterdam

Makassar

Kraton Festival

Yogyakarta

Festival Musik Bambu Nusantara

Bandung

Simeulue Ate Fulawan Dragon Boat Festival

Aceh

NOVEMBER

Bali International Jazz Festival

Bali

Sriwijaya Festival

Palembang

Festival Losari

Makassar

Sanur Village Festival

Bali

SEPTEMBER

Kerapan Sapi

Madura

Renggong Horse Contest

Sumedang, West Java

Kuta Karnival

Bali

Erau Festival of Dayak

Tenggarong, East Kalimantan

Braga Festival

Bandung

DECEMBER

Culture Parade of Imogiri

Yogyakarta



Kraton Festival



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COUNTERS



WEIGHING SCALE

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE
(Gate Y1 - Y2)

DOMESTIC DEPARTURE
(Gate P3 - P12)

SHOPS

SHOPS



SHOPS



ENTRANCE

WHEELCHAIR SERVICES

SHOPS



The Coffee & Tea L

McDonald's



ATM



ENTRANCE



COUNTERS



SHOPS

Marry Brown

SHOPS

SHOPS

RED CARPET COUNTERS



Maybank



Starbucks

ENTRANCE

EXIT

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL



TAXI, BUS, TRAIN
TICKET COUNTER

FROM CUSTOMS &
IMMIGRATION

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE
(Gate T1 - T8)

EXIT



TAXI

PLAZA PREMIUM LOUNGE

AIRASIA DOCUMENT
CHECK COUNTER

AIRASIA LOST &
FOUND OFFICE

DOMESTIC
LOST & FOUND



TAXI, BUS, TRAIN
TICKET COUNTER

DOMESTIC
ARRIVAL

EXIT ↓



↓ ENTRANCE ↑

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LEGEND :



Info Counter



Tourism Malaysia
Counter



Tune Hotel
Showcase



Clinic



Currency
Exchange



Public Phone



AirAsia
Sales Counter



Baggage Scan



Super Strap
Baggage



AirAsia
Self Check-In
Kiosk



Mobile Sim/
Merchandise



Toilet



Diaper Change
Room



ATM



Disabled
Toilet



Left-Luggage



Police



PRAYER
ROOM



Platform 1 to KL City
(KL Sentral)

BUS TERMINAL



**FOOD
GARDEN**



SHUTTLE BUS

- KLIA Exspres (Salak Tinggi Train Station)
- Tune Hotels LCCT (Free)
- KLIA



CAR PARK

*Tune
Hotels*

Sepang, LCCT
(350m)

**MAP OF LOW-COST CARRIER
TERMINAL KUALA LUMPUR
(LCCT - KLIA)**

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MAP OF TERMINAL 3 (GROUND FLOOR) SOEKARNO - HATTA AIRPORT JAKARTA, INDONESIA

LEGEND :



Info Counter



Meeting Point



ATM



Currency Exchange



Public Phone



AirAsia Sales Counter



Baggage Scan



Super Strap Baggage



AirAsia Self Check-In Kiosk



VOA Visa On Arrival



Toilet



Disabled Toilet



Disabled Lift



Diaper Change & Nursery



INTERNATIONAL
CHECK-IN

DOMESTIC
CHECK-IN



LOST & FOUND

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BNI

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(Money Changer)



PRAYER
ROOM



DOMESTIC ARRIVAL



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CUSTOMS

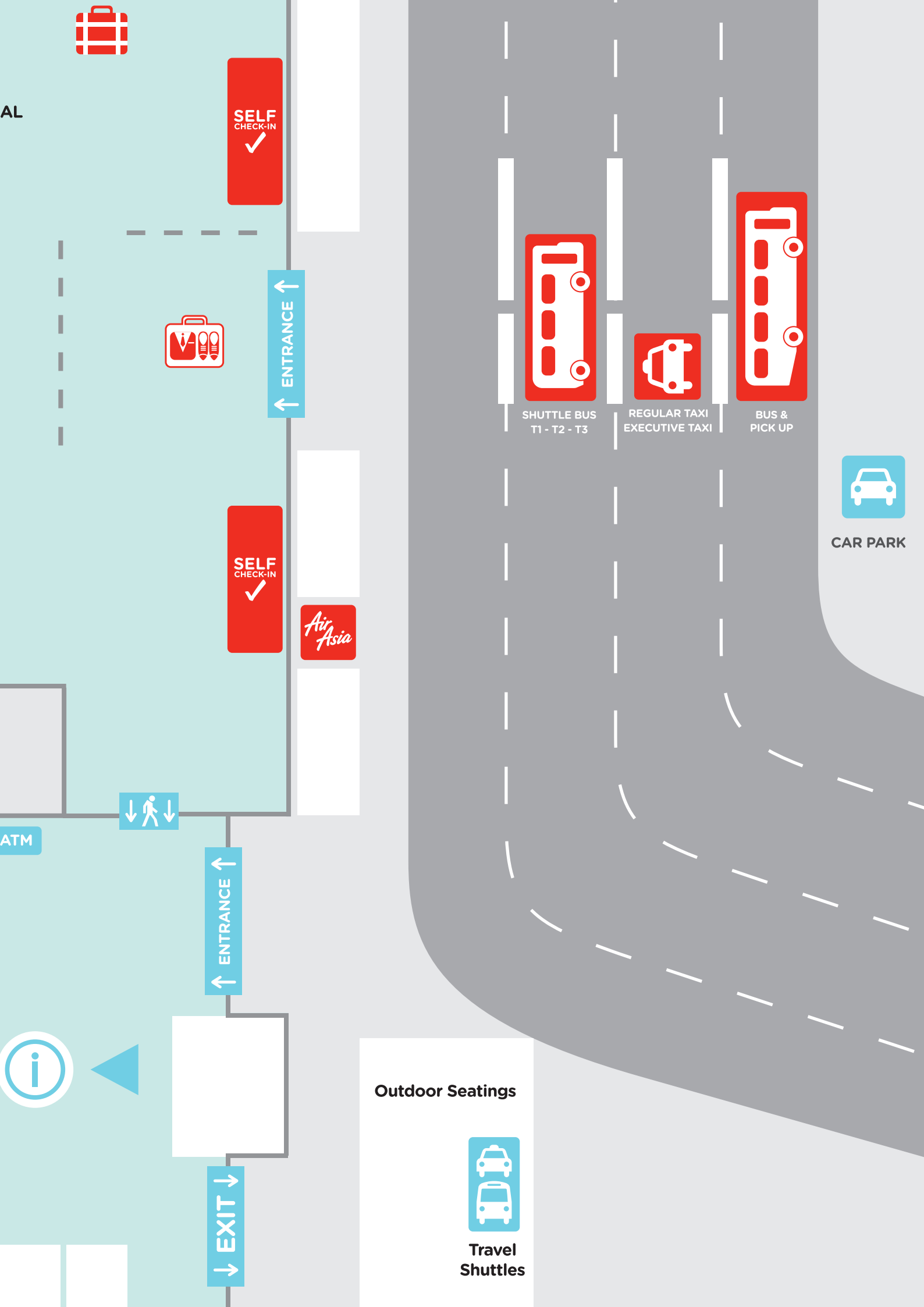
EXIT



PRAYER
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STAIRS &
ELEVATORS



AL

SELF
CHECK-IN

ENTRANCE

SELF
CHECK-IN

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ENTRANCE

EXIT

SHUTTLE BUS
T1 - T2 - T3

REGULAR TAXI
EXECUTIVE TAXI

BUS &
PICK UP

CAR PARK

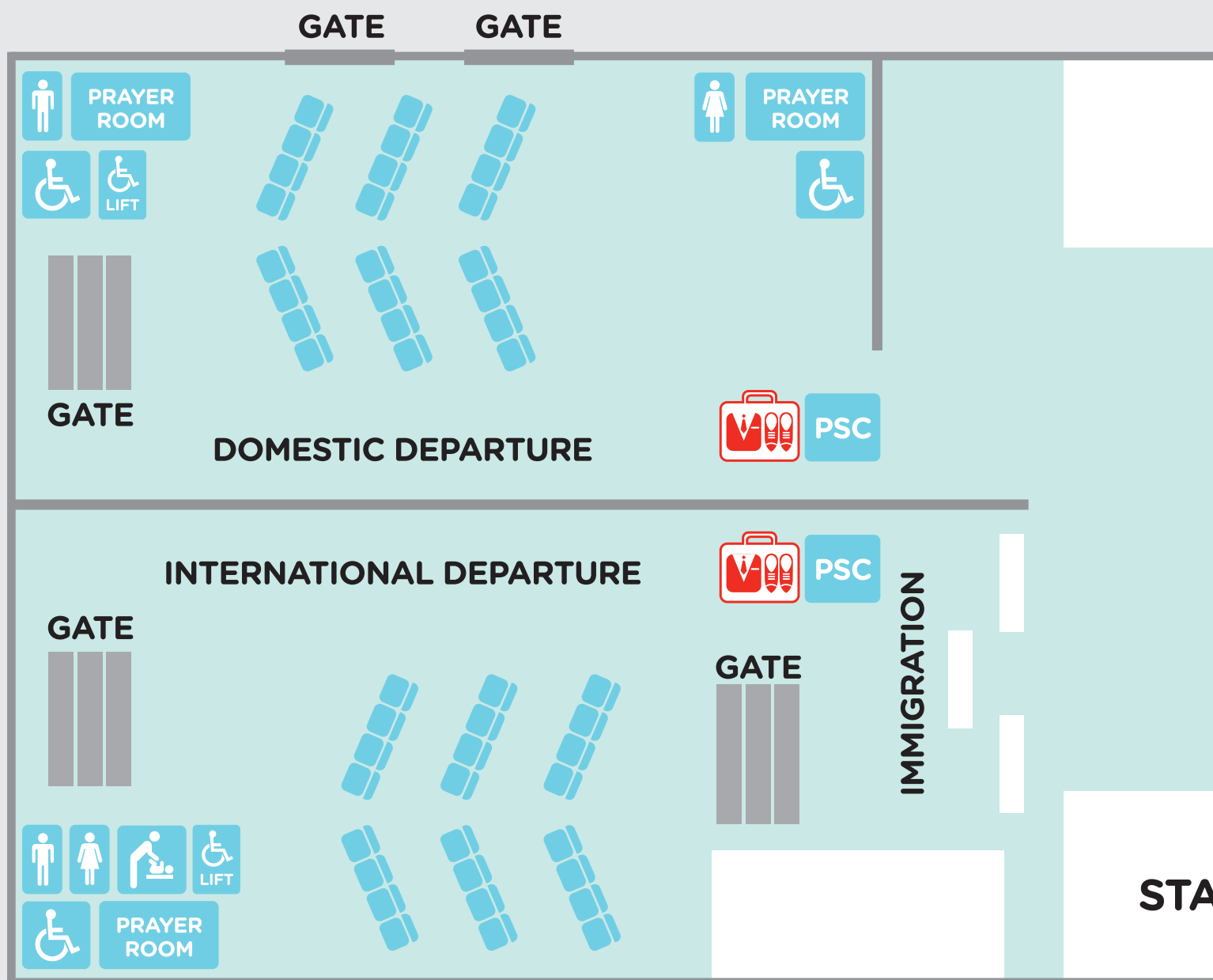
Outdoor Seatings

Travel
Shuttles



MAP OF TERMINAL 3 (FIRST FLOOR)

SOEKARNO - HATTA AIRPORT
JAKARTA, INDONESIA



LEGEND :



Baggage Scan



Disabled Lift



Toilet



Diaper Change & Nursery



Disabled Toilet



Passenger Service Charge

SHOPS



PRAYER ROOM

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SHOPS



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- DI Yogyakarta
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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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- Fire
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- Search and Rescue
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- Medical
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TRAVEL TIPS

- Expect massive rush hour traffic jams during Ramadan when Muslims rush home to break their fast.
- As Islam is the dominant religion, try to dress modestly. Women should cover their head and arms while men are to cover their legs when visiting mosques.
- For a day every March, all of Bali goes silent for Nyepi, the Hindu New Year. There is very little activity, even for tourists.
- Make sure to have the address of the place you are going to written down, in case the taxi driver does not speak English. Carry small change with you, take cabs from reputable companies, and always insist on using the metre.
- Ask how hot dishes are as they can be very spicy.
- Hydrate often to replace fluids lost in the hot, humid weather. Consider drinking bottled water.
- The use and distribution of drugs is taken seriously and carries a heavy sentence.
- In tourist areas, be careful with your valuables and be aware of your surroundings.
- As Indonesia is a tropical country, take adequate precautions against mosquito bites and wear sunscreen.

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Fares range from Rp 20.000 to Rp 35.000 for different destinations in and around Jakarta.

- First bus 5.00am
- Last bus 11.00pm

damri.co.id

Travel Tip When travelling in Jakarta, expect the bus to be late as traffic jam is a problem. Not a dependable mode of transportation if you're in a hurry.



Airport Shuttle Bus

A free terminal transfer bus service that operates every 30 minutes between Terminal 1, 2 and 3. Head straight towards the Airport Shuttle Bus platform, located just across the departure hall.

- First bus 5.00am
- last bus 10.00pm

Travel Tip The bus is decent, but never let your guard down. Be mindful of your belongings.



Taxi

Hop into a taxi located outside after you've reserved your taxi at the information counter located at the arrival hall. There are two categories of taxis - regular taxis and executive ones.

- Regular taxi from Rp 5.000
- Executive taxi from Rp 15.000

Travel Tip Always ask the driver to use the meter. If they refuse, step out of the taxi and file a report to its managing company.



Travel Shuttle

Travelling with travel shuttles is so easy and affordable with more and more toll roads connecting the big cities. Head to one of the booths in the outdoor seating area across Arrival Hall to hop on one.

Travel Tip Shuttles are a bit more expensive than buses, but they are usually on time with their schedules.

Around the City

Bus Rapid Transit

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a bus service with dedicated bus lanes which allow the buses to operate without interference from other modes of transportation, hence escaping the traffic jam. TransJakarta Busway has the longest BRT routes in the world with 172 km lanes and more than 520 buses.

There is only one affordable single fare to travel anywhere within a route, from

- Rp 3.000 to Rp 3.500 (depending on the city).

www.transjakarta.co.id

Travel Tip Make sure you check out the map (get it from its website) so you know where to get off and change lines.

Mikrolet

Mikrolet/Bemo/Angkot/Pete-pete/Sudako (name varies according to region) is a minibus which takes passengers on a fixed route. Unlike a bus, it may stop anywhere to pick up or drop off passengers.

- The amount you have to pay depends on the distance you're going.

Travel Tip Hail it at any time by using a hand signal. To get off, knock on the window or ceiling, or say "kiri" (Indonesian for "left").

Bajaj

The brightly orange Bajaj might be noisy, but it's cheap and convenient for shorter trips. The older Bajajs are on the verge of extinction as Indonesian government is trying to replace it with the more modern, less-noisy and less pollution-causing Kancil.

Travel Tip There is only one rule-haggle like there's no tomorrow before stepping in one of these auto rickshaws.

Ojek

Ojek is basically the unregulated motorcycle version of a taxi. Very useful for when you want to go to places that are difficult to go to with bigger vehicles, or if you just want to skip the jam.

Travel Tip Negotiate before you get on, put on the spare helmet provided by the rider, and then hold on tight to the rider. Don't be shy if you don't want to fall off the pillion.

Becak

Although the cycle rickshaw has been banned in Jakarta as it is deemed degrading to humanity, you can still find becak everywhere else in Indonesia with its many variations and shapes.

Travel Tip Bargain before you get in and enjoy the slow ride. Don't expect the driver to have change for larger amount of money.



Inter-cities & Inter-provinces

Train

Big cities in Indonesia are well-connected by rails. Train services are divided into economy, business and executive.

www.kereta-api.co.id

Travel Tip On the economy class, you might want to go inside the train as soon as you can to avoid fighting for seats.

Bus

Also divided into economy, business and executive. Buses rarely follow schedules but they are cheaper and have higher frequencies.

Travel Tip Be mindful of pickpockets when the bus gets crowded.

By Boat

Boat travel is a major form of transport for smaller islands which are not accessible by land or by plane. PELNI, the national shipping company of Indonesia, connects almost every inhabited island in Indonesia. Tickets to be purchased at the harbours.

www.pelni.co.id

Travel Tip For longer trips, be sure to get comfortable. Bring your own blanket and food.

*Information is correct at press time and is subject to changes without prior notice.

Useful phrases

Bahasa Indonesia is both de facto and de jure lingua franca in Indonesia. Derived from the minority language Riau Malay, it's similar yet different from the neighbouring Bahasa Malaysia, thanks to the influence of more than 300 regional languages and dialects found in the country.

Basics

Hello Halo	Left/Right Kiri/Kanan	How much is it? Berapa harganya?	Where is the nearest taxi stand? Di mana pool taksi terdekat?
Goodbye Selamat tinggal (person leaving)	Thank you Terima kasih	That's too expensive Terlalu mahal/Mahal sekali	I don't understand. Saya tidak mengerti
Selamat jalan (person left behind)	You're welcome Kembali/Sama-sama	Excuse me, may I know where is the nearest bus station? Permisi, bisa beri tahu di mana stasiun bus terdekat?	How much is it? Berapa harganya?
Excuse me/Sorry Permisi/Maaf	Do you speak English? Bisa bicasa Bahasa Inggris?		
Yes/No Ya/Tidak	I don't understand. Saya tidak mengerti		

Greetings

Welcome Selamat datang	Good afternoon Selamat sore (around 3pm-5pm)	How are you? Apa kabar?	I'm from Australia. Saya dari Australia.
Good morning Selamat pagi (up to 10am)	Good evening Selamat petang	I'm fine, thank you. Kabar baik, terima kasih.	
Selamat siang (around 11am-2pm)	Good night Selamat malam	Which country are you from? Anda dari negara mana?	

Directions

Can you help me, please? Bisa tolong bantu saya?	Where is...? Di mana letak...?	Can you give me directions to...? Bisa Anda tunjukkan arah ke...?
I need to get to the nearest taxi stand. Saya ingin pergi ke pool taksi terdekat.	How do I get to...(from here)? Bagaimana cara saya pergi ke...(dari sini)?	

Eating & Drinking

Can I have the menu, please? Boleh minta menu?	That was delicious! Sedap sekali!	I'm a vegetarian. Saya seorang vegetarian.	Please bring the bill. Tolong bonnya.
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Days

Today Hari ini	Weekday(s) Hari kerja	Monday Senin	Friday Jumat
Tonight Malam ini	Weekend(s) Akhir pekan	Tuesday Selasa	Saturday Sabtu
Tomorrow Besok	Next week Pekan depan/Minggu depan	Wednesday Rabu	Sunday Minggu
Yesterday Kemarin	Last week Pekan lalu/Minggu lalu	Thursday Kamis	

Emergencies

Please get me to the nearest hospital. Tolong bawa saya ke rumah sakit terdekat.	Can I get an assistant from a medical doctor? Bisakah saya mendapatkan bantuan dokter?	I'm sick Saya sakit.	Call the police! Panggil polisi!
		Help! Tolong!	Call the ambulance! Panggil ambulans!

Money

Money Uang	Currency Rupiah Indonesia	Eg: Rp 2.500 Dua ribu lima ratus rupiah	Where can I get my currency changed? Di mana saya bisa menukar uang?
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Time

Time Waktu	Hour/Minute Jam/Menit	What is the time now? Pukul berapa sekarang?	The time now is 10 am. Sekarang pukul sepuluh pagi.
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Etiquette

Although most Indonesians are easy-going and lenient towards foreigners, it's still good to know the local etiquette. You will have the respect of the locals and gain new friends in the process!

- It is courteous to greet and say thank you at the end of a conversation.
- When visiting any home and places of worship, it's good manners to remove your shoes before entering the premises.
- Certain places of worship have a dress code in place, so please follow the instruction of the caretaker. Some will also not allow photography, so please look out for the signage.
- It is also courteous to dress appropriately when invited to visit a home/family.
- Pointing at someone with your index finger is considered impolite. Use your thumb or upside-facing palm instead.
- The head is the "temple" of the body and should not be touched. If you touched someone's head accidentally, it is proper to apologize. Avoid patting heads of little children as well.
- There are certain foods to eat with your hands, others with spoon in your right hand and fork in your left one, and there are also the ones to be eaten with chopsticks. You can also ask for utensils that you are most comfortable with.
- Consumption of alcohol is to be avoided if possible at public places. Alcohol beverages are sold to age 21 and above only.
- Smoking is prohibited in airports, shopping malls, banks, hospitals, cinema halls and certain eateries. Please look out for the NO SMOKING signage. Cigarettes are sold to age 18 and above only.

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